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Foggy hands out lunches at Richmond's Souper Center, which serves the homeless. He's also the center's volunteer cookman.

For the needy, Foggy rolls in

■ Octogenarian touches lives in West County schools, soup kitchens

By Kate Darby Rauch
TIMES STAFF WRITER

Peppy and trim, with faded freckles and a wisp of grayish-red hair, Fred Foggy doesn't look 80 years old. Maybe that's because he doesn't act it.

Take Monday afternoons. You know where you'll find Foggy? On the volleyball court at Helms Middle School in San Pablo, slamming balls over the net and diving for serves with a bunch of other re-

tired and working teachers.

Not bad for an octogenarian. But the most amazing part is how long Foggy's been doing the Monday volleyball gig — that would be 53 years. Fifty at Helms, and three at another school before Helms was built.

Regular physical exercise is one key to Foggy's vigor, he says. Helping out is another.

For at least as long as Foggy's been whacking volleyballs, he's been giving a hand pretty much to anyone who needs it.

Soup kitchens, homeless shelters, dilapidated schools: If they're located in the Richmond area, chances are they've had a visit

from Foggy in the past 50 years.

Fixing a broken toilet, patching a roof, donating a blanket, passing out a bologna sandwich.

Foggy's been there. He still is. More of a fixit man-foot soldier than sentimental do-gooder, Foggy, a retired West Contra Costa schools shop teacher and administrator, doesn't espouse any deep altruistic reasons for his career volunteerism. Or at least he cloaks his tenderness in pragmatism.

It just feels right, he says with a laugh, adding nonchalantly that he's had his shares of ups and downs in life, and knows poverty and pain.

For Foggy, not pitching in would be impossible.

"This is really my religion; this is my church right here," said Foggy, on a recent weekday morning at the Souper Center, a downtown Richmond resource center for the homeless that serves free lunches seven days a week.

You can find him at the center most mornings, passing out sandwiches, along with wise-cracks. Life is tough when you're poor, Foggy says. Long discourse on the subject is not his style. "When you're down and out, boy, they really kick you. A lot of

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Parkway owners blowing out of cinema plans

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A plan to restore the vintage Cerrito Theater stumbled last week after the owners of Oakland's Parkway Theater decided not to sign a long-term lease agreement with the city and the owner of the building.

The city was set to sign a three-month lease agreement with Kyle and Catherine Fischer at a Tuesday Redevelopment Agency meeting. The meeting was canceled after the Fischer told city officials last week they were no longer interested in the deal.

"The Fischers told us they were uncomfortable going forward," said City Manager Scott Hanin, "so we pulled the item. It wasn't the right fit."

Kyle Fischer, co-owner of the Parkway Theater in Oakland, and his wife pulled out of the City Council, acting as the redevelopment agency, wanted to be relying heavily on the Fischers to pay for the theater renovations. It was a risky move, he said, considering it would cost upwards of \$1 million to renovate the theater, which is now an empty shell.

"Every time we went to a (redevelopment agency) meeting, they seemed to pull further and further away from a financial commitment," he said.

"The Parkway is viable, but it's not UA (United Artists, a type of theater company)," he said. "We get by but we're not in a pocket. The (redevelopment agency) needs to determine if they want it to be a theater, they need to participate finan-

cially more than they originally thought."

Hanin said the issue was a little more complicated. The Fischers could have easily struck a deal with Fara Pakzad, the owner of the building, without the city's help, if Pakzad was more willing to negotiate, Hanin said.

Pakzad was offering the building for \$10,000 to \$12,000 a month, more than twice the amount the Fischers are spending for their Oakland theater. And the cost of restoring the El Cerrito space — estimated at \$500,000 to \$700,000 — is upwards of three times what the Fischers spent renovating the Oakland theater.

"My understanding is you usually get a space ready to go, you walk in and you go, or you walk in an unimproved space and you get lower rent, so that was not going to happen here," said Hanin. "I think ultimately that was the biggest problem for the council."

"It wasn't the Fischers so much as what the owner is going to do to get this closer," Hanin added, "and he (the owner) doesn't have to do anything."

Fischer said he was contacted about two months ago regarding the serious possibility of restoring the theater on San Pablo near Central Avenue.

It is considered a historic landmark by residents because of its high-quality and pristine art deco features that include the original arched roof, several pieces of original etched glass,

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STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

SOPHIE MAYER of Portola Middle School won first place for her display about the digging ability of earthworms exposed to alcohol, displayed at the science fair at Contra Costa College last week.

Science fair winners go on to regional contest

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

Drunken worms have a hard time tunneling through dirt.

Portola Middle School eighth-grader Sophie Mayer saw it with her own eyes. She took some worms, dunked them in some alcohol, then watched when they tried burrow into a bowl of dirt. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the worms that were most drunk burrowed the slowest.

"The bigger percentage of alcohol I tested," she said, "the longer it took to burrow into the ground."

Sophie was among the scores of students from El Cerrito High

and Portola Middle schools that participated recently in the recent West Contra Costa County Science Fair, held at Contra Costa College in San Pablo. Fourteen students from the two schools, including Sophie, were judged first or second place — good enough to go on to the upcoming Bay Area Science Fair.

About 40 students at Portola Middle School participated in the West County fair, applying the scientific principles to the subject of their choice. Projects included finding materials that were the best insulators, which product cleaned pennies the fastest, an experiment involving

depth perception and an experiment that tested what meal a mealworm preferred.

Portola eighth-grader Eric Dragos said he chose to see which fabrics are the most flammable, so he cut up pieces of fabric and suspended them over a flame in his kitchen. Some fabrics, like cotton, were relatively flame-resistant and others weren't.

"I found out that natural fibers were the most flame-retardant," Eric said, adding that silk was least likely to burst into flames — in fact, he could barely set fire to it at all. "Silk was practically just singed. But manmade fibers

like nylon, that practically exploded," he said.

Sophie wanted to find out how worms did when they were exposed to alcohol.

She dunked the worms in a container of liquid diluted with various amounts of alcohol, for about 30 seconds. Knowing that worms are eager to burrow when exposed to light, she then placed them in a dirt-filled container under a lamp to see how quickly the worms dug through the dirt. Not surprisingly, perhaps, the more tipsy they were, the longer it took them to go underground.

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STREETCARS ONCE plied a sparsely populated Arlington Avenue.

COURTESY KENSINGTON IMPROVEMENT CLUB

Book depicts Kensington's fiercely independent nature

By J.R. Deaton
CORRESPONDENT

KENSINGTON — The book "Kensington Past and Present" offers a wealth of information and historic photographs about the unincorporated 1.2-square-mile community of about 5,000 situated in the East Bay hills north of Berkeley and east and south of El Cerrito.

Kensington is a picturesque community of million-dollar views, winding streets, well-maintained homes and two small but lively shopping districts.

But what seems to really set the community apart is its civic volunteers and their determination to maintain an independent identity and place within Contra

Costa County.

"Back in 1917 El Cerrito wanted to incorporate and the county wanted to incorporate Kensington right along with El Cerrito," said Natalie Salsig, one of three editors for "Kensington Past and Present," published by the Kensington Improvement Club.

According to Salsig, who has lived in Kensington since 1946, the area was then inhabited mostly by dairy farmers and their cows and the farmers preferred their rural life rather than city life with city taxes.

"It was only cows and dairymen and they did not want to incorporate and they really raised a ruckus against incorporation," Sal-

sig said. "So they left Kensington out and consequently it just became an unincorporated area."

Since then Kensington residents have voted twice against incorporation and have twice rejected attempts to annex Kensington.

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INFORMATION FOR LIFE

WORTH CHECKING OUT

On stage at CCCT

Contra Costa Civic Theatre's PlayMakers series will present "The Unexpected Guest," an Agatha Christie thriller/puzzle that opens a Pandora's box of loves and hates, suspicions and intrigues. The production, directed by Richard Ryan, will be on stage March 1-10. Tickets: \$8. CCCT is at 951 Pomona Ave. in El Cerrito. Details: 510524-9132 or online at www.ccct.org.

Jazz in Albany

The Albany Jazz Band plays big band jazz in a free concert on Wednesday, March 6, at 7:30 p.m. at Albany High School, 603 Key Route Blvd., Albany. Details: 510-524-9530.

Inter-district transfers

The Albany Unified School District is now accepting inter-district transfer applications for the current year. This is a recent policy change. There are openings at some (but not all) grade

levels; there are wait-lists for some high school and middle school grades, but new applicants can join the wait lists. Students must have and maintain a C average and good disciplinary record. Details: 510-558-3785.

At Cafe Eclectica

Cafe Eclectica, at 1309 Solano Ave. in Albany, is presenting music events today and tomorrow. Tonight it hosts a benefit music show by Students For Political Awareness from Albany High School to benefit children and women in Afghanistan. Hear four bands for \$4 at this all ages show that starts at 7 p.m. (doors open at 7 p.m.) Tomorrow the cafe hosts a hip hop show with DJ Platinum from "Oakland Faders Collective." MulaBaka, plus special guest DJs. Door opens at 7 p.m., show starts at 8 p.m. Admission is \$3 with high school ID, \$5 without. All ages welcome. Details: 510-527-2344

Assembly debate

Democratic candidates for Assembly

District 14, Loni Hancock, Charles Ramsey and Dave Brown, will debate from 4:30-5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23, at Oceanview School, 1000 Jackson St. in Albany. Sponsored by League of Women Voters, Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville. Details: 843-8824

Pancake breakfast

The Albany Cub Scouts will be flipping' pancakes and fryin' up bacon and much more at their annual breakfast and raffle Sunday, Feb. 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Hall, 1325 Portland Ave. (Memorial Park). Tickets are goin' like hotcakes so be sure to get yours ASAP. Details: 510-527-1676.

Preschool stories

The Albany Library presents "Saturday Morning Stories and More" for ages 3-6. The free series runs every Saturday at 11 a.m. through March 16th. For more information, call the childrens desk: 526-3720.

ALBANY CHAMBER NOTES

Chamber directors ask help on hotel project

By James Carter

THE CHAMBER BOARD has called on the city's Economic Development Advisory Board to "explore the possibility of helping clear the way" for construction of a new hotel adjacent to the Best Inn here.

In a letter to EDAB Chairman Christopher Ruetz, Chamber directors pointed out that Best Inn owner Kanti Patel had "already spent some two years and a great deal of money" on the proposed project.

Patel seeks to build a new 60- to 75-room hotel next to his present motel on Potrero Avenue. Last May the board wrote each City Council member to express its unanimous support for the expansion plan. At that time they told the Council: "We look to you, your Boards and your Commissions to see to it the process is not lengthened."

In its letter to the EDAB, the Chamber leaders said: "Mr. Patel has done all he could to speed that start of work on the expansion project. Six months ago he won the approval of the Planning Commission for his plan, and has even obtained a preliminary OK from the Design Review Board."

The entire project is now at a "dead stop," the directors wrote, because, despite Patel's exhaustive effort, he has been unable to acquire a parcel of land critical to the success of his expansion plan. Patel reports he has made numerous offers to buy the property, but the owner has rejected them all. "Patel," the Chamber letter went on, "informs us that he feels he has exhausted every avenue for acquiring this property."

It's apparent, the Chamber letter added, that the only way Patel is likely to obtain the land is through the assistance of the recently reactivated El Cerrito Redevelopment Agency; and that's where our Board feels the Economic Development Advisory Board can provide valuable help.

"We urge your Board to join the Chamber in requesting that the Redevelopment Agency use its powers of condemnation to acquire the property so vital to Mr. Patel's expansion plans. It is our Board's hope that your group, on close examination of Mr. Patel's project, will come to realize that it's important to this community, and will join the Chamber in urging our City officials to seriously consider taking a hand in this matter so this project can move ahead with a minimum of delay."

Luncheon deadline today

Members and their guests

have until the close of business today to make reservations to attend the Chamber's monthly business luncheon at the Mira Vista Golf and Country Club on Tuesday, Feb. 26, by calling 510- 233-7040.

The guest speaker Mayor Jane Abelson will discuss "The Outlook for Business in El Cerrito."

Two Plaza business join

Two new El Cerrito Plaza businesses: Cold Stone Creamery and Center For Better Hearing, joined the Chamber earlier this month.

The Cold Stone Creamery store, owned and operated by Art and Lois Reckler, is scheduled to open next month at 3080 El Cerrito Plaza.

A gala grand opening celebration is tentatively scheduled for Monday, March 18.

"A trip to Cold Stone Creamery in El Cerrito Plaza will be a treat for all the senses," the Recklers declare.

The Creamery's ice cream and frozen yogurt creations will be made and mixed fresh daily right on the premises by people who are passionate about delivering the ultimate ice cream experience.

Customers, the Recklers explained, will be able to customize their ice cream, yogurt and Italian Sorbet with one or more of an almost unlimited variety of mix-ins, including fresh fruit and nuts, brand name candy, cookies, brownies and more.

Crewmembers fold the mix-ins and the ice cream together on a frozen granite stone, ensuring that the concoction is blended evenly and that the ice cream stays at the perfect temperature of 5 degrees. The result is a creamy frozen dessert customized for each customer.

Licensed hearing aid dispenser Gregory Free has just opened his own office, The Center For Better Hearing, at 560 El Cerrito Plaza (across from the General Nutrition Center).

In practice for six years: the last four in El Cerrito, Free says he's pleased to have this opportunity to "serve the East Bay community with the most up-to-date Digital and Analog Technology in hearing instrument's by means of caring and personal service."

"I look at fitting hearing instruments as a partnership to better hearing," Free says. "My clients must be completely satisfied. If they're not happy with their hearing aids, than neither am I. Therefore, I offer a 60-day trial period during which the instruments are 100 percent refundable if not satisfied. "Within that trial period we will work together to make

sure that the hearing aids fit the specific prescription and needs of the client. All people who get hearing aids go through a process of auditory adaptation and rehabilitation. Usually we see very happy results after the first few weeks."

Sometime around the first of June, Free expects to move The Center For Better Hearing to 190 El Cerrito Plaza when that store's present tenant, Mail Boxes Etc., moves to a new part of the Plaza.

Free has signed a five-year lease on the new location. However, until mid-year he will continue to serve the hearing impaired community at his present location.

Nine more reinvest

A total of 118 businesses, individuals and organizations had extended their membership in the El Cerrito Chamber by mid February.

Among the latest to reinvest in the business organization are: Words Into Print, Good Stuff Thrift Shop, Shields Nursing Center, Financial Network Investment Corp., Larry Parks Ltd., Craig Miller Paints, the Freeway Motel, Hiram Design Group, Bill Kerber and M.A. Hays Co.

Race ticket deadline

Members have until the close of business next Monday, Feb. 25 to sign up for the Chamber's "Day At The Races."

Tickets for the Wednesday, March 6, event at Golden Gate Fields, are \$37 per person: which includes valet parking, admission to the Turf Club and a sit-down lunch in the VIP Directors Room.

Reservations may be made at 510-233-7040.

Earth Day co-sponsor

Once again this year the El Cerrito Chamber will join the City of El Cerrito and Sustainable El Cerrito in sponsoring Earth Day 2002 here on Saturday, April 20.

Activities this year will include cleaning up local neighborhoods, creeks, parks, schools and streets: with special emphasis on beautifying

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POLICE REPORTS

Stolen 4-Runner turns up in San Pablo

By K. Osborn

CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the night of Feb. 10 San Pablo police reported locating a white '87 Toyota 4-Runner that had been reported as stolen from Albany the previous day. They did not have anyone in custody and the owner was notified.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Feb. 11 officers located a red '90 Toyota in the north parking lot of Golden Gate Fields that had been reported as stolen from San Rafael on Feb. 8. The owner was notified.

■ On the morning of Feb. 11 officers responded to reports of someone who appeared to be sleeping by a building on the 900 block of San Pablo Avenue. Officers arrested the Richmond man for an outstanding Oakland warrant and transported him to Santa Rita Jail.

■ A resident on the 1200 block of Marin Avenue returned home on the afternoon of Feb. 11 and found that his home had been burglarized.

■ On the night of Feb. 11 officers responded to the 1100 block of Cornell Avenue on reports of a fight in progress. They arrested an Albany man for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drugs and making threats. He was transported to the Santa Rita Jail.

■ At about 12:30 a.m. on Feb. 12 officers located a red '85 Toyota on the 500 block of Pierce Street that had been reported as stolen. They notified the owner.

■ Shortly before 1 a.m. on Feb. 12 officers stopped a subject on a bike near Talbot and Marin Avenues who was acting suspiciously around the parked cars. They arrested the 41-year-old Berkeley man for an outstanding Albany warrant for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ On Feb. 12 a resident on the 600 block of San Carlos Avenue reported that her blue '87 Toyota Camry had been broken into. On the same morning a resident on the 1000 block of Kains Avenue reported that vandals had damaged her bronze-colored '88 Toyota Camry.

■ At about 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 12 Albany officers assisted Berkeley police in searching for four

subjects who had allegedly been involved in a robbery near Gilman Street. They located three of the subjects on the 700 block of Masonic Avenue. They were arrested by Berkeley police.

■ At about 3 a.m. on Feb. 13 the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office reported locating a gray '95 Honda Civic stolen from Albany. They did not have anyone in custody and both license plates were missing. The owner was notified.

■ On the evening of Feb. 13 Albany officers responded to the Safeway Store on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on reports of a shoplifter in custody. Officers arrested the 59-year-old San Pablo man, who was determined to be intoxicated. He had been observed drinking alcoholic beverages that he had not paid for. He was cited for theft, repeating the offense and disorderly conduct and transported to Santa Rita Jail.

■ At about 6:30 p.m. on Feb. 13 a Berkeley woman reported that while she was waiting at a bus stop on San Pablo Avenue near Clay Street she was approached by a subject she described as a black male, about 20 years old, and about 6-foot-2, who asked her for the time. After she gave him the time she turned away and he grabbed her backpack off her back, knocking over the bus bench and dragging her. He fled to a waiting truck and was gone when officers arrived. Police are investigating.

■ At about 12:45 a.m. on Feb. 14 officers stopped a maroon-colored '78 Oldsmobile on the 1100 block of Evelyn Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 41-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and was driving with a suspended license. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ On Feb. 14 officers observed a red-and-white Bronco on the 1300 block of Marin Avenue that had been broken into and the stereo stolen. The owner was notified.

■ At about 3 a.m. on Feb. 15 a resident on the 1000 block of Ventura Avenue reported that about 10 minutes prior a thief had reached into the window of his home and stolen his computer. He did not see anyone. A short time

later a resident on the same street reported that thieves had taken his silver '94 Kia.

■ On Feb. 15 a resident on the 1000 block of Cornell Avenue reported that her teal-colored urn had been broken and items were stolen. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Feb. 15 officers arrested two youths on the 1000 block of Eastshore Blvd. for vandalism and interfering with someone doing business. A 22-year-old Berkeley boy was cited and released to his mother with notices to appear.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Feb. 15 officers stopped a red '94 San Pablo Avenue near Clay Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 23-year-old Berkeley man, was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a notice to appear.

■ On Feb. 16 a bus on the 1000 block of Eastshore Blvd. smashed the windows of an Isuzu Bobtail and stole the vehicle.

■ On the morning of Feb. 17 officers contacted a subject on the 700 block of Pierce Street on reports of suspicious activity. They arrested a 22-year-old Albany man for possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting an officer's attempt to arrest him, possession of drugs, failure to stop to an officer and parole violation. He was transported to the Santa Rita Jail.

■ At about 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 17 a resident on the 800 block of Spokane Avenue reported that minutes prior a subject had been in front of her home in a dark-colored full sized pickup and two potted plants off her porch. The thief was gone when officers arrived.

During the week of Feb. 17 Albany officers towed several vehicles, responded to 14 false alarms, attended to three lost or stolen animals, assisted two people who were locked out of their homes, responded to two reports of barking dogs, assisted two domestic abuse victims to one domestic dispute stand-by, 14 civil disturbances, 151 civil assists. Officers responded to 114 cars and 48 pedestrians in 66 citations and 48 were Firefighter/paramedics responded to 13 medical emergencies.

Suspected shoplifter says she lost property

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Three people were caught trying to steal merchandise from an El Cerrito Plaza store shortly after 8:45 p.m. on Feb. 3. Later, between 9 and 9:30 p.m., one of the women reported to police that more than \$1,000 worth of property was stolen from her vehicle while she was being detained on suspicion of shoplifting.

■ A vehicle was reported stolen from the 8500 block of Buckingham Drive at 8:02 a.m. on Feb. 14.

■ Another vehicle was reported stolen from the 8300 block of Buckingham Drive at 9:40 a.m. on Feb. 14.

■ A woman reported to police at 9:40 a.m. that her van was stolen from the 6800 block of Cutting Boulevard on Feb. 15.

■ A Toyota Camry was reported stolen at 1:46 p.m. from the 600 block of Kearny Street on Feb. 16.

■ Someone attempted to steal a car on the 7300 block of Gladys Avenue using a screwdriver sometime between 5:30 and 10 p.m. on Feb. 12. The car's ignition sustained \$250 worth of damage.

■ Someone stole \$670 from a home on the 5900 block of Charles Avenue sometime between 7 a.m. and 3:15 p.m. on Feb. 12. The home's master bedroom was ransacked and a safe was opened with a crowbar.

■ A resident from the 1800 block of Arlington Boulevard reported at 3:58 p.m. on Feb. 11 that his vehicle's ignition and two door locks were damaged and the registration was stolen from his vehicle.

■ A vehicle was reported stolen from the 600 block of Richmond Street at 11 a.m. on Feb. 13.

■ A woman was arrested on suspicion of using a stolen card number to buy cell phones and two-way radios at 7 a.m. on Jan. 25 from a store on the 11500 block of San Pablo Avenue.

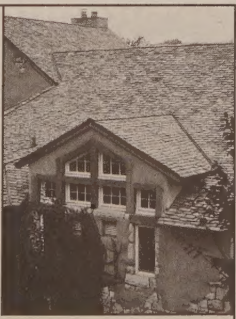
■ A stereo was removed from a vehicle on the 7100 block of Central Avenue on Feb. 11 between 12:30 and 5:30 p.m.

■ A fire occurred at a home on the 500 block of Albany Avenue at 10:28 p.m. on Feb. 11. The fire was apparently caused by a burner that had been left on too long.

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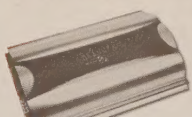
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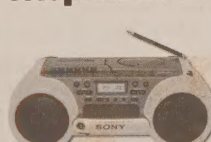
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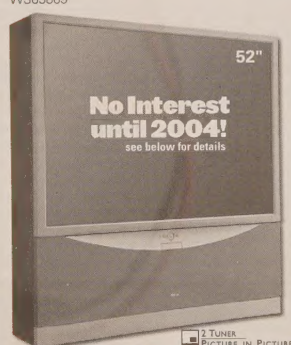
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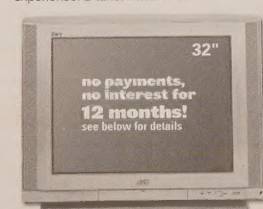
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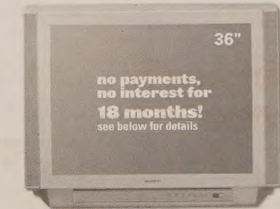
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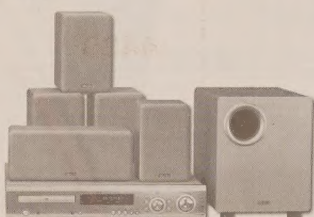


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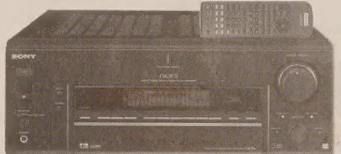
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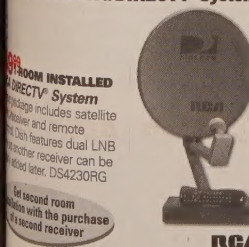
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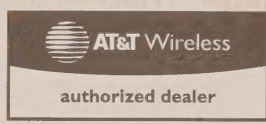
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EDITORIAL

This land is our land

HERE IN CONTRA COSTA AND Alameda counties, we're lucky to have an incredible amount of green space. The East Bay Regional Park District is now responsible for 93,000 acres of parklands, 59 parks and more than 1,000 miles of trails. Thanks to taxpayers who approved a bond measure in 1988, EBRPD has grown 31 percent in the last decade. Considering the speed of development in the East Bay and the expense of land, it's an incredible investment. We look prescient to have voted for that bond. But bond money can't provide ongoing maintenance and certainly offers nothing in regard to older areas. It's our land and in need of our attention.

The parks are for the benefit of East Bay residents, open to us all, regardless of economic status. There is no charge to jog on a trail, wade at a beach or toss a ball in a park. Swimming, hiking, camping and more are available to us. We can explore shorelines, forests, caves and hill-tops. It's an expensive responsibility. The money now primarily comes from property taxes, of which the district gets about three cents from every dollar.

Although the park district does a good job with its resources, many things fall to the bottom of the to-do list because of a lack of funds. And many spaces, 26,000 acres, remain inaccessible to the public because money to prepare the areas for people and then to maintain them is not there or must be allocated to immediate, and sometimes desperate, needs.

In Measure K, the district is asking voters to approve a 12-year parcel tax of \$1 a month (\$12 a year) for single-family homes and \$0.69 per month (\$8.28 per year) for each multifamily unit for maintenance and the opening of several areas. That's \$7.7 million a year.

With the money, officials will be able to open 2,718 acres of Ohlone land bank, 2,035 at Brushy Peak, 1,298 at Carquinez, 772 acres at Black Diamond Mines and 723 at Vasco Caves, just to name a few. Most include trails; about 50 miles of trails will be open with the passage of Measure K.

Resource protection and wildlife habitat projects are in the plan, including the Waterbird Regional Preserve in Martinez, which includes trails. Some buildings need retrofits. Bathrooms and roofs will get needed attention, and plumbing and painting will get done. Officials also plan to tend to roads, paths, signs, fences, visitor centers and parking lots. And the list goes on.

Just as with a house, it's important not to get too far behind on these projects because you run the risk of ending up with more damage and more costly repairs, and you may never catch up.

In 1998, the voters narrowly rejected a ballot measure aimed at similar things. The district was criticized for not having an end to the tax and for being inefficient with money. Steps have been taken to approve efficiency, particularly after it had to deal with internal personnel problems. And the measure this time specifies an end in 12 years.

If we appreciate the extensive park system available in the East Bay, the quality of life it exemplifies, and the wildlife habitat it provides, we can't afford to let it deteriorate. We urge a yes vote on Measure K.

Yes on Measure A

AMONG THE MOST important public assets in Contra Costa County is its community college district. Its three colleges are open to all applicants, providing classes for career enhancement and an economical path toward a four-year college education. Because the colleges are close to students' homes and charge minimal fees, they offer opportunities unavailable elsewhere.

In fact, there is no academic institution anywhere that can compare to this state's community college system in scope of resources and opportunities. Yet too often the system is shortchanged in Sacramento. In 1998-99, for example, California ranked 41st out of 44 states with similar community college systems, spending \$4,017 per full time student. The national average was \$6,300.

Because of the funding levels, many of the community college districts have not been able to keep up with maintenance, much less modernization. The Contra Costa Community College District is no different. It has many unmet needs that simply are not going to be taken care of without an infusion of money.

With the state budget heading for a severe shortfall, there is no additional money for community colleges anytime soon. That is why the district is seeking voter approval of \$120 million in bond money for repair and updating of aging building and the addition of some much-needed new facilities.

By passing Measure A on the March 5 ballot Contra Costans will give the college district the means to construct new classrooms and labs and provide upgrades for facilities at Contra Costa College in San Pablo, Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill, Los Medanos College in Pittsburg, the Brentwood Center and the Delta Science Center in Oakley.

Measure A also will supply funds for planning and site development for a new San Ramon Valley Center campus. The locally raised money also could be used to gain matching state funds.

While Measure A would raise a substantial amount of money — to be used only on capital projects, not salaries — it will cost property owners just \$4.80 to \$5.80 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation on their property over the next 25 years. That is a small price to pay for a public service that does so much for so many people in the county. Measure A, which seeks the first Contra Costa college bond issue since 1948, deserves the strong support of voters on March 5.

IT'S GEORGE BIRTHINGTON'S WASH DAY



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Ramps eliminated

Access to the water in Hoffman Channel at Point Isabel Park, a popular East Bay park well known as a great off-leash dog park, has been eliminated for park users.

The shoreline erosion control project at the park was recently completed. Prior to the project, there were numerous places along the south side of the channel where dogs and their owners could easily walk to the shoreline. Dogs would swim, play and fetch in the calm water.

But now, large boulders have been laid along about 1,000 feet of the channel to stop erosion, leaving no safe and easy access to the water.

One new ramp, which is narrow and serves no purpose for park users, was installed leading down to the Bay side shoreline. Tidal action makes for choppy water and the shoreline is usually submerged.

I've asked East Bay Park employees why water access ramps to the channel were excluded from the erosion-control project. The construction inspector told me there were concerns for disturbing the soil in the channel. The park manager suggests Bay conservation authorities would not issue a permit for ramps, and the public information supervisor did not realize access to the channel was eliminated. Jean Siri, Ward 1 director, has chosen to remain silent.

Point Isabel lost one of its most important and popular features, which is a place for water-loving dogs, with owners, to enjoy themselves. I believe ramps could have been easily incorporated in the erosion control design.

This is an expenditure of money where park users are the losers.

Hal Schultz
El Cerrito

Don't castrate men

This is regarding the lawsuit against the NFL by about 45 Philadelphia Eagles cheerleaders and former cheerleaders.

It alleges that football players were looking through peepholes, in the Eagle stadium visitors' locker rooms, at girls in various states of undress. Plaintiffs feel they deserve an apology for the men's behavior.

On the contrary, what they did is quite natural and should be thought of as a compliment. A cat can look at a king — it is part of life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Some feel it's time to stop excusing men with, "Boys will be boys." A man being a boy is no excuse; it is a fact of life. If men hadn't been boys, the human race would have died off long ago. If men hadn't been boys, we would still be in caves eating fruit and nuts.

Hunting is a man's job. Procreation is a man's job. Women just lie around. Who invented the wheel? Who figured out the Earth is round and goes around the Sun?

Who wrote Shakespeare? Who invented the steam engine, the light bulb, the car, the airplane, and relativity? Who invented baseball and football?

And now you want the drive and vitality that got us where we are today to be castrated? Getting all hot and bothered about peeping toms is just that and leads to the continuing takeover of our culture by emotionally deprived women, social engineers, and the politically correct police.

The feminization of civilization would be the end of civilization. If boys didn't have an insatiable urge to see naked women, there wouldn't be any.

Women should thank men for looking at them and for being alive.

Charles T. Walton
Berkeley

El Cerrito is unique

One of El Cerrito's beautiful features is its mature large trees that populate our beautiful parks, natural hillside areas and frame many a modest homestead, while sheltering and making possible a wide variety of wildlife and bird species.

It's possible to come across monarch butterflies, clinging to our eucalyptus tree branches, be surprised by the waterfall in one of our many natural streams and intermittent creeks, or spot a hawk on the wing circling overhead.

Although El Cerrito traded away its waterfront Bay access many years ago and does not have many of the amenities our sister cities possess, there is yet a unique character and quality rare in the East Bay.

Unfortunately, these very qualities are in danger due to development activities that would transform El Cerrito into just another collection of intensively subdivided treeless properties with "big box" mail-cum-tract housing along our main commercial route, San Pablo Avenue — making El Cerrito indistinguishable from other West County cities.

The incentives are there, and we can only hope El Cerritans will be wiser and avoid the developers' siren call.

Edwin and Ethel Weber
El Cerrito

Opportunity missed

One of Anwar Sadat's top executives, former Egyptian prime minister, Mustafa Khalil, was recently sharply critical of the Palestinian leadership for having "squandered a great opportunity" by refusing to join the 1978 summit talks between Sadat, the United States and Israeli leaders at Camp David.

If Arafat had made peace then, together with Egypt, all the current bloodshed and hatred would have been avoided, and Israel and Palestine would now be sharing peace and prosperity.

Egypt currently receives a little more than \$2 billion annually from the United States. Had Arafat made peace, Palestine

would also receive many millions annually and not be living in poverty.

Sidney Kan
Albany

No sympathy

I've seen a couple of letters to the editor stating that we're being unfair to John Walker Lindh. They raise some important points about hatred and scapegoating.

However, saying somebody's not bad because somebody else is worse, that he might not have been criticized vigorously if he'd been of a different race (oh, really!) does not reduce the awfulness of his alleged crime.

I've been called a "bleeding heart liberal," but my heart does not bleed for Lindh. Young? Brainwashed? I'll save a bleeding heart for Afghanistan's child soldiers who defend tyranny and brutality because they've never heard of any other system — though I still believe stopping their madness with armed intervention.

Lindh has no such excuse. He grew up immersed in freedom and benevolence from American freedom of religion. He changed his faith according to his conscience. Had he desired, he could have gathered like-minded souls in this country and formed his own community to practice their take on "perfect Islam," the Amish, the Mennonites, and others have done.

Instead, Lindh traveled halfway around the world to deny freedom of religion to other people by brute force. He has to merit punishment.

Dolores J. N
El Cerrito

Hysterical paranoia

Why is everyone so public-opinion poll-intimidated that none will characterize George W. Bush's State of the Union address as what it was: hysterical paranoia?

Thousands of organized terrorists. Where? Heretofore acquiescent Muslims now are demanding more specifically our "president's" postulated "axis of evil."

We, too, should be more fully informed before we sacrifice vital social needs to add \$48 billion to our overblown military budget.

On National Public Radio, an anonymous pilot recently noted we already have the world's best fighter planes. He asked, cogently: When the currently projected 3,000 new, improved fighters are delivered, will we then sell off our older ones and declare war on the buyers? Justify a new round of fighters?

Judith Segura
Berkeley

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From the East Bay to Colombia, a coffee cantata



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

may sound like good news to you coffee drinkers, but it's actually bad news.

Do you remember something called "Gresham's Law" back in your college economics course? It went like this: "Good money drives out bad." And it turns out to be true of coffee beans, too.

There are two kinds of coffee beans: Arabica and Robusta. Arabicas are finer quality beans that grow on mature trees and are carefully tended by hand. Robustas, on the other hand, were developed for the mass market. They tolerate more adverse conditions and require less tending. As a result, they're cheaper. Unfortunately, they're also harsher.

Nowadays, with the coffee market so depressed, it's tempting for the coffee compa-

nies to increase their profit margin by switching to Robusta beans. The smaller, high-end companies like Peet's and Peet's will never do it, of course; their whole business is built on reputation. But the big boys may not be so squeamish; Robusta beans are already starting to show up in some of the cans you buy at the local supermarket.

As a result, countries like Colombia, which grow Arabica beans, are being pushed out by countries like Vietnam, which hardly grew any coffee at all 15 years ago but which, by planting Robusta beans, is now the second largest coffee producer in the world.

And that's bad news even if you never go near the stuff because, as Vukasin points out, "If the Colombian farmers can't make a living planting coffee beans, they'll plant something else."

And you know what that "something else" is, don't you? Colombia's other big cash crop is cocaine.

By the way, if the name Vukasin sounds familiar, it

should: He's the same guy who presided over the Oakland Coliseum back in the good old days, when it was still a pleasure to go out to the ball park.

This was before the politicians took over and reduced the Coliseum to its current sorry state. But that's a topic for another column.

Do you know the story about Beethoven's 3rd Symphony, the "Eroica"? He originally dedicated it to his hero, Napoleon Bonaparte, the general who saved the French Revolution from the counter-revolutionaries.

But when Bonaparte betrayed the revolution by seizing power and crowning himself Emperor Napoleon I, Beethoven flew into a rage and furiously scratched out the dedication. The original manuscript is on display in a museum in Vienna, Austria. If you go there, you'll see that he was so mad, his pen tore right through the paper.

Something similar happened 75 years ago, when the Kurt Weill and Bertold Brecht, the same team who composed

"The Threepenny Opera," wrote "Der Lindberghflug," a choral piece in honor of Charles Lindbergh's historic 1927 flight across the Atlantic.

Trouble was, Lindbergh went on to an inglorious career as a Nazi sympathizer and appeaser who accepted a medal from Adolf Hitler. So after the war, Brecht insisted on writing a new prologue to "Der Lindberghflug" that took back all the nice things he said about him in 1927. That's the version you'll hear on March 9, when the Pacific Mozart Ensemble presents "The Music of the Skies," an evening of musical selections whose common theme is flight.

Besides the Lindbergh piece, they'll perform Meredith Monk's "Astronaut Anthem," Philip Glass's "Vessels" (the flying music from "Koyaanisqatsi"), Richard Rogers' "Victory at Sea," themes from "Band of Brothers" and "Saving Private Ryan," and the moving Navy Hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save."

And where will it be held? Where else but the U.S.S. Hornet, that gorgeous World War II

aircraft carrier docked at Alameda Point? The concert will be on the hangar deck, where the acoustics are absolutely perfect. The music starts at 7:30, but take my advice: Make a day of it and explore the Hornet itself during the afternoon. It's been so beautifully restored, stepping on board is like stepping back into history. The effect is almost magical; you half expect to see Henry Ford in his "Mr. Roberts" uniform, standing on the bridge.

Or maybe the figure is Admiral J.J. "Jocko" Clark, the Hornet's crusty old skipper during World War II, who liked to fight night battles wearing his polka-dot pajamas and fuzzy slippers — but with his Admiral's hat firmly in its proper place on his head. I've said it before, but I'll say it again. The Hornet is my favorite site to see in the whole Bay Area. With or without the music, it's definitely worth a visit. But who can pass up this great twofor?

E-mail Martin Snapp at catman@california.com or call him at 510-273-9039.

Highway 128: A great winding wine road



MIKE CLEARY
The Food and Travel Enthusiast

two elderly ladies moseying along at a jogger's pace in a rental car.

As he feared, they pulled into the winery where, Woody realized, he would encounter them in the tasting room. The ladies sniffed, swirled and sipped for hours. But, to his surprise, they ended up ordering over a thousand dollars worth of deLormier's finest.

No such luck with us. We stopped to check out their impressive new tasting room and left with just two chardonnays and a bottle of their new 2000 Sangiovese.

If there's any frustration about driving through this vineyard wonderland, it's where to stop. Alexander Valley Vineyards? It's located on the original homestead of Cyrus Alexander, founder of the valley. Sausal Vineyards? They are the valley's oldest winemaking family and among the nicest. White Oak Vineyards and Winery? They have a terrific tasting room and wonderful picnic facilities. For that matter, so do most of the wineries, too numerous to mention.

If you decide on an impromptu picnic, you'll need goodies. Check out the famous Jintown Store conveniently located on Highway 128. A country store since 1893, this quirky market features freshly prepared foods as well as eclectic American antiques.

A little preparation will further enhance a valley visit. I recommend you contact the Alexander Valley Wine Growers (www.alexandervalleynow.org or 888-AVVINES). Here you'll find a list of the wineries, addresses, hours and types of wine and entertaining valley events. There's always something happening on the first weekend of each month. March, for example, features barrel tasting and an opportunity to purchase wine futures.

For our purposes, the Alexander Valley was just a brief stop on the way to Mendocino. It is, though, in its own right, a worthy destination. Lodgings are abundant. In fact, you can locate some 40 hotels, inns and B&Bs, as well as 80 wineries in all the appellations of Northwest Sonoma County through the Russian River Wine Road (www.wineroad.com or 800-723-6336). This organization is always ready to put on a good party. Make sure you check out the events page on the Web or

call for their 2002 brochure.

The western half of Highway 128 takes you through the intimate Anderson Valley. As you get closer to the ocean, the setting changes dramatically. Like the Alexander Valley stretch of 128, it, too, is a road with many pleasant diversions. Wineries along the way include Brucato Cellars, Edmeades Vineyard, Hush and Navarro Vineyards. Put a bottle of wine from any of these or the other wineries of the Anderson Valley on my table and I will be a most happy fellow. The Anderson Valley Winegrowers (www.avwiners.com or 707-895-9463) list wineries and events.

Like many a winemaker will admit, "It takes a lot of beer to make a good wine." Thus, my final tip is to stop in Booneville and try the beers of the Anderson Valley Brewing Company. You can also learn to speak boondoggish. But that's another story for another time.

Cheers.
Mike Cleary's column appears every other week in this newspaper. He and his wife, Mary Ann, co-host "The Food and Travel Enthusiasts" radio program at 10 a.m. Sundays on KABL, 960 AM. Readers can e-mail Mike at mc@foodandtravelradio.com.

IN BRIEF

This is the month for school transfers

Looking to transfer your child to another school? Now is the time to apply.

February is transfer month at the West Contra Costa Unified School District, where school board policy allows student transfers as long as there is space at the requested school.

Applications can be picked up at any school and mailed or dropped off at the WCCUSD Student Transfer Office, Gompers Annex Building, Room 108, 157 9th St., Richmond, 94801.

Details: 510-620-2124.

Applicants needed for fire protection district

KENSINGTON — The Kensington Fire Protection District is looking to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. Residents of Kensington are eligible to apply.

Board members attend and participate in monthly public meetings and fulfill committee assignments.

The monthly meetings are 7:30 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month, with additional meetings as needed.

They are held at the Commu-

nity Center, 59 Arlington Ave.

Applicants should submit a resume and brief statement of interest by Feb. 28. Bring or mail to the Kensington Public Safety Building, 217 Arlington Ave., Kensington, CA 94707.

Interviews will be held during the March 6 district board meeting. If the appointment is made at that time, the oath of office will be administered during the meeting and the appointee's term will begin then. The term will expire Nov. 30.

For details call district administrator Brenda Navellier at 510-527-8395.

Forum will discuss schools spending

ALBANY — Confused about California's education spending? Wondering why so many school districts are facing budget deficits this year?

A forum at 3 p.m. Saturday at Ocean View Elementary School in Albany will address those questions and more before opening the session up for debate among candidates for the 14th assembly seat.

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Read Aloud program is still going strong

SEVERAL YEARS AGO I wrote about Dr. Marilyn Nye and the wonderful program she had started in the Richmond schools called "Read Aloud". We were all terribly saddened when we lost this wonderful woman to cancer.

Thankfully, the Read Aloud program lived on, thanks to Marilyn's family, friends and the dedicated volunteers who read to the kindergartners through second graders in the schools. Judy Sam who, after reading my column about Marilyn Nye, called and volunteered, became a coordinator at one of the schools, then took over the direction of the program after Marilyn's passing.

I called Judy Sam recently when I read about a new program started by the Community Alliance for Public Education (CAPE). The program, "West County Reads!" seeks to rally the entire community in a campaign to ensure that every child in West Contra Costa County is read to 20 minutes

each day, and every child reads at grade level upon completion of the third grade. A wonderful goal, I thought, and asked Judy if Read Aloud was part of it. Indeed it is.

And on March 1, Dr. Seuss's birthday, they hope to have hundreds of volunteers descend upon the West County schools to read to children, kicking off the campaign in a very real and exciting way.

In the hope that this stirs many of you to take part, I will pause to give you the information you need. Diane Draper, of the United Teachers, is the person to contact. You can reach her at 510-222-5712.

CAPE has put out some fine information — on the status of readers in the West County schools, and the other data that explains why this and other school districts throughout the state are so in need of such a literacy campaign.

They show the great numbers of English learners in the

schools, and children whose parents who cannot read to them because of language, education or other barriers. And they reiterate that, "Reading aloud to children is the single most important activity for literacy development and eventual reading success."

And they add, "Parents play roles of inestimable importance in laying the foundation for learning to read."

Another goal is to help the children and their parents learn to love books, and to actually put books into their homes. The Read Aloud program does this, by giving each child two new high-quality books a

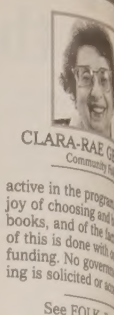
month to supplement or to start a personal library and to share with siblings.

In the Read Aloud program an adult reads to the child in English for 30 minutes twice a week. Each volunteer reads for an hour (two children) each week. There are substitute readers who fill in when a volunteer must be absent (I did that for several years, and it was a joyous thing to do). The volunteer is also the one who helps the child choose the book he/she wants to keep, and presents it.

Read Aloud is now in five schools in West County, and would like to expand into more

of them. The teachers and principals of the schools are very enthusiastic about the program and wish more of the children could have readers. The children who could most improve with such a program are chosen by the teachers. The readers are retired or employed, male or female and from all ethnic groups.

Judy Sam speaks of the more than 176 volunteers now



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people didn't get a good education. They don't speak English and are on drugs, not a lot of them want to hire people."

It's been at least the place about 15 years ago. "I don't know what we'd do without him," said Janet Bruce, program director who

knows Fogg well.

In addition to loading trays with tuna-on-wheat, Fogg acts as the center's volunteer handyman, fixing leaking pipes, repairing shower stalls, whatever.

Impromptu repairman is a role Fogg takes on wherever he goes. In addition to the Souper Center, he's done his share of hammering for the Bay Area Rescue Mission, another center for the homeless.

A self-taught home builder

and contractor, he taught wood shop for the West County schools for years, eventually becoming a district counselor overseeing students in real-world jobs.

He retired from the classroom but never laid down his tools. Intimately familiar with the district's financial woes, Fogg made himself available for school repair work. More than a few school principals keep his number on file — and use it.

But his help isn't limited to re-

pairs. Besides fixing toilet seats, doorstops or room partitions, he might come up with food and rent money for a student's struggling family.

"Fred Fogg has been the 'guardian angel' of Downer school," said Linda Jones, a parent coordinator. "Many times our families slip through the cracks for emergency needs. Fred has helped with bus tickets, food, electricity bills when lights were threatened to be turned off. He's purchased shoes, gift certificates at Christmas, and on and on."

At one point Fogg formed his own one-man-show nonprofit to raise funds for his efforts, called simply "Aid to Others." He knows how to dig up a few bucks for a good cause, even if it means adding pennies from his own bank account.

"I pretty much take it as it comes; I can do so much but I can't do it all," said Fogg, in his deep, gravelly voice.

Just last week he took a bunch of tarp to a homeless fam-

ily living in some bushes not far from his house.

Fogg was raised on a ranch in the Sierra foothills, in a family that was mostly poor and came west during the Gold Rush. The family never struck it rich, staying on in the area as small-scale ranchers.

His mother died months after he was born. His father eventually moved with Fogg and his three siblings to the Monterey area, where he worked as a motel caretaker and eventually remarried. Fogg didn't get along well with his stepmother and wound up leaving home about age 15, living and working at a car mechanic's shop.

"I learned to depend on myself," he said.

He made it to college, and to the infantry in World War II, and was wounded on Iwo Jima. He started teaching in Richmond schools in 1947, retiring in 1980.

Along the way he got married and raised three sons in a house he built and where he and his

wife, Betty, still live.

In fact, he built lots of houses, as one of a group of teachers who helped each other build their dream homes in hills then rich with open space.

The Fogg humanitarianism is definitely a family trait. Betty Fogg doesn't do wiring, but the family has a long history of taking in foreign students and political refugees.

While rearing her sons, Betty Fogg oversaw a household teaming with extras from nations around the globe, including Hungary, Kenya and Afghanistan.

Things are quieter in the household now, and Betty Fogg would like to keep it that way. She needs a daily dose of tranquility, she said, but she tries to keep things relatively low-key for her husband since his open-heart surgery a few years ago.

Reach Kate Darby Rauch at 510-262-2749 or krauch@cctimes.com.

ANY PTA NEWS

PTA Council

Public Forum, 3:30-5 p.m., View Library, 3 p.m. "Paying for Education — Whose Job is it?" Kevin Gordon; 4:30 Can't afford the 14th Congressional District sponsored by League of Women Voters Loni Hancock (D), Assembly (D), Dave Brown (D), Assembly, Jazz Band Concert by West Education Big Band, Assembly of Key Route Blvd. and Assembly Albany High School. Parents may receive the daily important announcements by e-mail. Contact Molly at molly1123@aol.com.

March 7, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library. SCRIP Orders: Call Edna Shipley at 510-527-0745 or e-mail Edna at ednaming@aol.com. REMINDER: Save and turn in General Mills boxes for education to office.

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Ocean View Elementary School

Feb. 28, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Ocean View Library. SCRIP Orders: Call Kim Denton at 524-3355. RECYCLE used computer printer cartridges from your home or office. Look for bins in the library.

AUSD Board of Education

Feb. 28, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD Calendar

April 1-5, Spring Break NO SCHOOL. THANKS to Albany SchoolCARE (an independent organization) for their ongoing efforts to sell SCRIP benefiting Albany PTAs.

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CERRITO PTA NEWS

Council of PTAs

Membership dues payments for 2002 should be sent now to: Bayside Membership 1777 Eureka, El Cerrito 94530. Deadline for memberships to the year is Feb. 28.

Middle School

Feb. 27 to \$7 per member. Send payment of \$7 per member and member's name, address, student's name, along with your address. Send in your payment to Adams PTA, 5000 Pat-oka, Richmond, CA 94805. Message Box: Weekly update is happening at school. Call at 510-484-1360.

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Castro Elementary

Fund-raisers: Castro is enrolled in eScrip (ID# 137627554), Albertson's, Target, and SchoolFog fundraising programs. Call Peggy Wilcox at 510-236-0761 to find out how you can benefit Castro when you shop.

El Cerrito High

Feb. 28, Progress Report Night, 6:30-8 p.m., ECHS gym. Parents will be able to pick up their student's progress report and meet individually with their teachers.

Feb. 28, Music Parents' Meeting, 7:30 p.m., ECHS Band Room. Stop in after going to Progress Report Night and hear what's happening in our Music Dept.

NEW SCRIP SALES: El Cerrito High School PTSA is enrolled in the eScrip

program. Our group ID is 5221087. Keep informed: Join the ECHS email forum. To sign up, please e-mail Joann Steck-Bayat at jbayat@attbi.com.

Portola Middle School

Feb. 28, PTSA meeting, 7:15 p.m., in the library.

Teen Center — Monday through Thursday from 3 to 5 p.m., at the Community Center. Fee — \$6 drop in or \$50 monthly. Great activities, trips and special events. Call 510-215-4370 for more information.

E-mail forum — school information and meeting notices direct to your e-mail box. Send your e-mail address and request to be on the mail list to Kathy Travlos travlos@dnal.com.

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 237-6183 or email: ltakimoto@yahoo.com

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more volunteers are needed for the program is to expand to additional schools. "We need 40 to 50 volunteers for each school," she said. "It is also needed. It spends some \$100,000 a year for materials."

"We are our currency," she said. "We connect with children through books." "Wonderful, then, to be part of an organization such as the Dr. Seuss Foundation, 'Read America' on March 1. It is listed in the

CAPE brochure as a partner, and one of the organizations that can be contacted to volunteer.

The Nye family is still very much a part of the program. "We meet at their El Cerrito home for our planning meetings," Judy says. "And we all feel like family."

These two fine and sorely needed programs work in partnership to bring the children in the West County schools the literacy they need, to bring the schools up to the educational achievements of more fortunate school districts, and to give all the children a better chance at life.

Anyone wanting to know more about Read Aloud is in-

visited to e-mail to info@ravp.org, or to call 510-237-0735. Volunteers are encouraged.

West County Reads is on the Internet at westcountyreads.org. Its phone number is 510-524-0695, fax is 510-642-9442 or e-mail khufder@cp.berkeley.edu.

It was wonderful chatting with Judy Sam again, and knowing that what Marilyn Nye started has continued so well. As always, I invite you to send me suggestions about interesting people, organizations, events. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585. My e-mail is crggsen@aol.com.

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Theater

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including an ornate lobby mirror, and colorful paintings of dancing maidens and Greek gods.

The building was a theater from 1937 until the 1950s and has been kept in good condition as a furniture warehouse.

The city put together a short-term lease agreement in order to create a plan to restore the building into a combination two- or three-screen theater and restaurant operated by the Fischers.

Councilwoman Gina Brusatori

said she was disappointed that the Fischers backed out of the lease agreement but that it might be possible to bring in a non-profit group to preserve the building.

"There's very strong community support for it but I frankly think it could take upwards of \$1 million to actually transform it into a theater," she said.

"I don't know what the next steps are," she added. "I think we're going to evaluate what the next steps we take if any, as a council."

Hanin said at the very least,

the city could remove and preserve the vintage art deco decorations from the space, though he added he is unsure about the future of the building.

"It's really up to owner to decide what does he want to do with the space, because he owns it," said Hanin.

Fischer said that the building was kept in such good condition that it could make a great theater once again.

"I think the city will do something to preserve it," said Fischer. "but I don't know what it will be."

El Cerrito's budget picture is sunny

EL CERRITO — The city is sitting on a \$3.4 million surplus that could grow by another \$200,000 by the end of the fiscal year.

Financial services manager Brian Foster gave the City Council a mid-year budget review for fiscal 2001-02 Tuesday, listing city expenditures and revenues. For example, property taxes are up \$22,000, sales tax is up \$115,000 thanks to the new El Cerrito Plaza businesses, and building and construction permits are up \$150,000. General government expenditures

are \$138,000 under budget.

The city also received \$52,000 for the fire department for its help in fighting fires in other jurisdictions as well as \$37,258 for a police department technology grant.

By the end of the fiscal year, the surplus is expected to grow to about \$3.6 million, according to a staff report.

Also at its Tuesday meeting, the council met with a financial advisory board comprised of residents to discuss what the board's duties should be. The board was created

last year to advise the city budget, said Mayor Steve Magner. The board too late last year to give any advice. "We felt we didn't offer that we didn't do," said advisory member Steve Schlusser.

Mayor Janet Hanin was important to get priorities on what the city was wearing. The council decided it would be other time.

Science

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"I chose worms because they're easy to get and not expensive and their central nervous system is similar to ours," she said.

Though the worms were tipsy, she pointed out they were let go

in her yard after her experiment was finished.

"I made sure I didn't kill any of them and put them in our garden afterwards," she said with a laugh.

About 180 projects from schools around the district are submitted for the county science fair and about 42 judges, many of whom hold doctorates, are re-

cruited to judge the projects. The projects are divided into four scientific categories — behavioral, biological, math/computers and physical.

"When the projects come in it's kind of like Christmas morning to me," said Norm Seraphin, a math and computer science teacher at El Cerrito High School who has coordinated the judging at the county science fair for

more than two decades. He got involved after he protested what he felt was inadequate judging when his own children were participating in the event in 1975.

Seraphin makes sure each project is judged fairly and is seen at least three times by different judges. Judges can often give widely disparate marks for projects, depending on their area of expertise, said Seraphin. A

computer expert, for example, might be less than impressed with a project dealing with computers, while the same project might greatly impress a biologist.

Having three judges looking at each project makes sure the judging is fair, he said.

As for the projects themselves, Seraphin said he is always impressed by the amount of work, ingenuity and fresh ideas the stu-

dents put into them. It is what keeps him year after year, he said, students will bring something and get a good grade. "I have a chance kids who are really interested in what they're doing. It's exciting to me why I got started in the first place."

Kensington

FROM PAGE A1

ington into El Cerrito. "People want to stay as they are," Salsis said.

Within the 136 pages of "Kensington Past and Present" the story of this independent community unfolds.

A book lists important dates and facts about the area, from the Huchium tribe of American Indians who originally inhabited the area to the Pedro Fages mapping expedition of 1772, to the 1850 formation of Contra Costa County, to the first subdivisions in the early 1900s.

In 1911 the community received the name Kensington because one of the two original surveyors was from the London borough of South Kensington. The Oakland Traction Company extended its street car line up the Arlington in 1912 and in 1935 Fred Norton was hired as Kensington's first paid police officer. Norton's patrol was his own Model T Ford and it wasn't until 1949 that police were provided with official police cars.

The Blake Estate in northwest Kensington, with its "opulent Italian Renaissance-style" Blake House, was donated to the University of California in 1957 and has served as the official residence of the university's president since 1969.

A second house on the Blake property was sold in 1948 and became a Carmelite Monastery. It currently houses "seven professed unshod Carmelites under solemn vows of poverty," the book states. "The nuns, who have chosen to isolate themselves from the world and spend their days in prayer and meditation, are members of an order founded in Syria in 1160."

The book is filled with historic photos of early Kensington, many by longtime resident Louis L. Stein, who operated the Arlington Pharmacy from 1928 until his retirement in 1956. One 1912 photo of Arlington Avenue shows a street car, a few isolated houses and empty rolling hills. The photo

chronicle Kensington's growing residential areas and changes in the two commercial districts over the years.

The book also details the "K's of Kensington" — the civic groups and boards that provide services for Kensington.

As an unincorporated community in Contra Costa County the county Board of Supervisors is the governing body. However, many services are controlled by regional and independent special districts including the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District and the Kensington Fire Protection District, whose board of directors are elected by Kensington voters. The Kensington Municipal Advisory Council, appointed by the Board of Supervisors, deals with such matters as land-use planning and applications for variances.

In addition, Kensington's many volunteer civic organizations include the Kensington Improvement Club, the Kensington Property Owners Association and the Blakemont Property Owners Association.

"Kensington is an unincorporated, do-it-yourself community with a rich history of independence," the book concludes. "The spirit of volunteerism is the common thread which, the reader will find, runs throughout the story of Kensington."

"Kensington Past and Present," is available at the Arlington Pharmacy, 299 Arlington Ave., and at Semifreddi's Bakery near the Colusa Circle, 372 Colusa Ave. Cost is \$10.

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Open Home Guide See what's on sale in your neighborhood [B12]

Architectural jewel in Berkeley hills



THIS STATELY BERKELEY HILLS HOME WITH ITS CLASSIC LINES, above, is complemented with a professionally landscaped double lot, left. The home, restored to pristine condition, will be open this Sunday, Feb. 24 and next Sunday, March 3 from 2 to 4:30 p.m. To learn more, call **Jane Allen** of Berkeley Hills Realty at 510-524-1700 ext.23.

and flower gardens that create a private, serene setting.

The home has five bedrooms, four and one-half bathrooms, three fireplaces, a gourmet kitchen, a gracious living room, a formal dining room, a large family room, a music room, a home office and a wine room.

Architect Roland Irving Stringham designed this classic, three-

story home as his personal residence in 1924. Stringham served the city of Berkeley as its architect, and counted among his accomplishments the design for the Berkeley Tennis Club near the Claremont Hotel. After Stringham, the Consul of Iceland, among others, owned the home.

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A rare Julia Morgan on the market



THIS GRACIOUS LIVING ROOM BOASTS THE ARCHITECTURAL TOUCHES of one of the Bay Area's premier architects, Julia Morgan.

Architect Julia Morgan might have stood on the hill of this large corner upslope lot and watched how the sun moved during the morning, noon and twilight of the day, and only then designed the home to enhance how the sun's rays would warm the interior of the house.

The Julia Morgan insignia touches are evident throughout this majestic five-bedroom, three full and two half-baths home.

Morgan relied on no single style of architecture for the 700-plus structures she designed, ranging from the Hearst Castle at San Simeon, to the Fairmont Hotel on Nob Hill in San Francisco, to residential homes in Piedmont, Oakland and San Francisco.

Morgan made a point of designing for the individual client from the inside out. Each of her

For a private viewing of this Julia Morgan home, offered at \$1,250,000, contact Grazina Bivins of McGuire Real Estate 415-296-2156.

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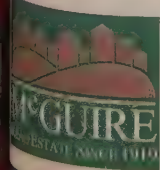
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Jewel

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Jeff and Helene Altmann bought the property in 1999. They fell in love with the architectural design. "We really couldn't have dreamed of a better floor plan, and such a charming setting for the restoration of an older home," says Helene.

The location was also very important to the Altmanns. "This home is tucked away on a quiet street yet within walking distance to the Rose Garden, UC Berkeley, and the Gourmet Ghetto — the perfect combination," says Jeff, who is owner of Altmann and Associates, a general contracting firm specializing in renovations and additions. With Jeff's expertise and Helene's artistic touch, they combined talents to create a masterful restoration with exquisite attention to detail in keeping with the charm, character and integrity of the original design.

Jeff and his team started by completely replacing the foundation with a mat foundation designed by the highly respected geotechnical engineer Alan Kropp. Once the foundation was completed, they gutted the interior down to the studs and re-

placed all the major systems, installing new copper plumbing, electrical wiring, and a three-zone heating system. They expanded the home's lower level to create significantly more living space. They added new hardwood floors on this level and refinished all the existing hardwood floors on the upper two levels.

In the process of renovation, they carefully preserved much of the old woodwork including many of the original windows. "We were also able to restore the living room fireplace and keep its original antique tiles crafted by the renowned Los Angeles Arts and Crafts tile maker Ernest Batchelder," says Jeff.

In reconstructing the interior, Jeff and his team created additional period details such as wainscoting in the living room, formal dining room and music room, and added built-in cabinetry in the dining room and family room. All the new fixtures and detailing are of the highest quality and complement the home's original character.

The result is a stately home with classic lines in immaculate condition. The front door opens to a generous entryway. A large arched doorway with original

glass doors frames the entrance into the living room. The gracious living room features oak hardwood floors, a fireplace, and a huge picture window with a fabulous Golden Gate view.

The view can also be enjoyed from the music room and the elegant dining room with its west-facing balcony. The gourmet eat-in kitchen was completely remodeled with marble counter tops, mahogany cabinetry, Wolf range, and Monogram refrigerator. Also on the main level are a home office and a full bath with an original antique pedestal sink.

A staircase with a graceful banister leads to the upper level. Big beautiful arched windows illuminate the landing area. The grand master bedroom suite has fireplace, dressing room, and a terrace with an expansive bay view. Also on this floor are two additional spacious bedrooms and a full bathroom.

The stairway off the main level entryway provides access to the lower level, which is every bit as elegant as the upper floors. With over nine-foot-high ceilings and large windows, the rooms on the level are light and spacious. French doors in the family room

The home, offered at \$2,200,000, will be open Sundays, Feb. 24 and March 3, from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

lead out to a wonderful terrace with a hot tub and a large lawn and garden. The guest suite off the terrace has French doors with the terrace. Completely remodeled another large bedroom, room, wine room and a room. The property also has a newly constructed two-car garage with a workshop that was converted into a third bedroom.

This amazing home is an art that expresses an exquisite taste. If the home could see his former owner's would no doubt appreciate man's extraordinary vision.

The home, just off La near the Berkeley Plaza will be open two Sundays and March 3, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. is offered at \$2,200,000. more or for a private tour, contact Jane Allen at Berkeley at 510-524-1700 ext. 32.



DENNIS EVANOSKY

Morgan

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works was distinguished with solid craftsmanship and unique touches that clearly distinguish Morgan's work.

Folklore has it that the house was designed in 1918 to meet the needs of the owner, J.H. Stinson, a shipbuilder, and his family. This unique English manor home one of the last projects Morgan did before commencing work on the Hearst Castle at San Simeon.

The gracious entryway has the distinctive stairway to the second floor. To the left of the stairway is the luxurious oversized living room with adjacent sunroom. The

living room has a center fireplace flanked by large paneled windows looking out to the backyard.

To the right of the stairway is the grand formal dining room with the original built-ins. The adjoining French doors lead into the breakfast room and kitchen beyond.

The main floor of the house also has a laundry room off the kitchen, and a bedroom with its own full bath that most likely originally served as the servant's quarter.

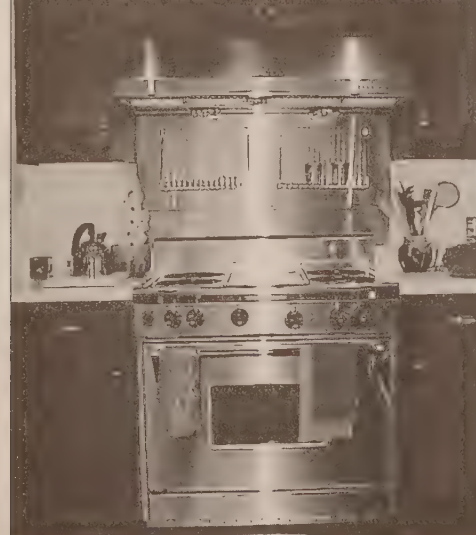
Up the grand staircase are four bedrooms, two of which are very oversized and can be used as two master suites. (The current owners use one of the master suites as the library/entertainment center.)

The integrity of the design has been maintained the years with no structural changes to the original.

Architectural plans for the attached two-car conservatory in keeping original Morgan design are available with the home.

This unique and rare home is on the market, starting at \$1,250,000. For a viewing of this home, call \$1,250,000, contact G. Bivins, McGuire Real Estate, San Francisco 415-268-2000.

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THE ALTMANN'S COMPLETELY REMODELED THE GOURMET EAT-IN KITCHEN, with marble counter tops, above, mahogany cabinetry, a Wolf range, left, and a Monogram refrigerator. The home boasts additional period details such as wainscoting in the living room, formal dining room and music room. They also added built-in cabinetry in the dining room and family room.

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DON DUNNING

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You

Most Internet buyers want to make the process as short as possible. What they miss is the necessity of seeing enough houses and neighborhoods in person to be able to make a fully informed decision.

ers. This was due mainly to the superior communication of the Internet agents, who were "always quick to respond." Traditional buyers, on the other hand, were distressed by the agent's failure to communicate.

Internet buyers are, in many ways, more self-sufficient than traditional buyers. Ironically, their dependence on the Web actually makes "Net buyers more reliant on their agent than traditional buyers. This is due, in most cases, to their dearth of direct knowledge of the market. Repeat, as well as first time, buyers could have this problem.

Buyers need to understand how to select an agent. Just because he promptly answers e-mails, does not mean a real estate salesperson operates at a high, professional level. Obviously, an agent who does not communicate well is not a good choice.

Part of an Internet saving strategy might also involve choosing an agent based mainly on Web data and a phone chat. Before committing to an agent, it is vital to know the right questions to ask.

For example, many salespeople represent themselves as being "experts" in a wide geographical area. In reality, time does not allow an agent to be equally conversant with every location. As a buyer or seller, you may find this out only when it is too late.

■ Almost two thirds of Internet buyers said the Web allowed them to have a better sense, and

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Know nuts, bolts of wood-framed walls

■ Studs, plates and diagonal bracing aren't the only things to consider when adding on to a room

After more than a decade as a Boy Scout, one of our sons soon will achieve that organization's high-rank: Eagle Scout.

In order to attain that rank, a boy must — In addition to many other requirements — earn certain merit badges and perform a service project in his community. Recently our families participated in an Eagle project. It involved the construction of a windbreak wall and the extension of a roof on a small feed barn for horses at a nearby state park.

We created a plan, made up of the materials list and helped the boys measure, mark, cut and nail the wood that was used to create the wall and roof.

It was a fulfilling experience for all involved. Scouts learned about carpentry, and the park ranger was thrilled with the completed work. When the boys learned that the walls in their homes were constructed in essentially the same fashion, they became even more interested.

If you are planning to remodel or add on, you might find it helpful to know about the ins and outs of wall framing. Perhaps you have visions of knocking down a wall between two bedrooms to create one larger room with a walk-in closet. Or, maybe you want to make an opening in an existing wall to install a door or window.

Well-placed studs

A wood frame wall is a collection of vertical framing members called studs (2-by-4s or 2-by-6s) — equally spaced (usually 16 inches or 24 inches on center) and sandwiched between top and bottom plates. The top plate can be either

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single or double. A double top plate or "doubler" is used to add strength and stability to the wall. The added strength of a doubler is especially important for a "bearing" wall — where the wall supports floor joists, ceiling joists or roof rafters. The joint in a doubler should be located at least 4 feet from any joint in the top plate.

The bottom plate, or "sole plate," is single thickness and is fastened to the subfloor. In the case of a concrete slab, the bottom plate consists of pressure-treated material to prevent rot. Aside from studs and plates, the other components of a wood-framed wall are headers, trimmers, sills, corner assemblies and diagonal bracing.

A header is placed at the top of a rough opening where a window, door or archway will exist. A header can consist of one solid piece of lumber or it can be fabricated out of several pieces, depending upon the span and structural configuration.

A fabricated header usually is made of two pieces of 2-by material with a 1/2-inch spacer sandwiched between them. The spacer brings the width of the header to 3 1/2 inches — the actual width of a 2-by-4.

A header is supported at either side of the opening by a "jack stud" or "trimmer." The trimmer is nailed to the header and a "king stud." The king stud is a full-height stud nailed to each end of the header. When the header is other than one solid

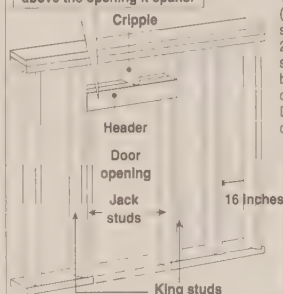


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ples also are used below the rough windowsill and the sole plate. As with studs, all cripples must be installed on "layout" to ensure that

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A header is a simple beam sized to support the load above the opening it spans.



Wall framing

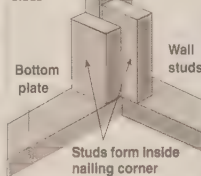
A wall is a collection of studs (2-by-4s or 2-by-6s) equally spaced (usually 16 inches or 24 inches on center) and sandwiched between top and bottom plates. The top plate can be either single or double. Double plating is most common on load-bearing walls.

Cripple

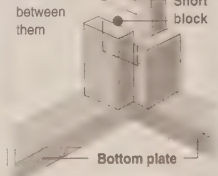
Cripples are located at the points where a common stud would have been located had it not been interrupted by the opening.

Jack studs and king studs: The header is supported by a jack stud at each end. Jacks, sometimes called trimmers, fit under each end of a header, and transfer the load that the header carries down to the bottom plate and the framing beneath. Full-height studs called king studs are nailed to the jacks; they support the assembly between the plates. Sometimes jacks must be doubled on wide openings so there is enough supporting surface for the header.

Corner construction using three studs



Corner construction using two studs with short blocks between them



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News and information for and about the area real estate community and affiliated industries.

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"Our Houses" Lecture Series
The Alameda Museum presents the "Our Houses" lecture series for 2002. The slide lectures are narrated by prominent Bay Area authors and historians. The museum is located on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. The series is scheduled February through June. Thursday, Feb. 28 is the first lecture in the series. Alameda Mayor **Ralph Appazato** will open the series. **Woody Minor** is the presenter of "Our Houses: Residential Architecture in Alameda". The two projector slide show will demonstrate trends from the "Gothick" Revival of the 1850s through the Storybook styles of the 1920s. Next month's program is scheduled for Thursday, March 28. Call 510-748-0796 for information. **Inform Meeting in Alameda**

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 9. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns. The Inform is dedicated to helping realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact **Remy of AAR** at 510-523-7229. **Building Classes**

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. Feb. 22 through Feb. 28 will offer classes on drywall, carpentry, hardwood floors and drainage problems. Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23 & 24 brings "Carpentry Basics for Women", a hands-on workshop conducted by **Tracy Weir**. "Building Your Dream Home" (for a song) is a seminar taught by author/contractor **David**

Cook on Monday, Feb. 25. For more information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgduct.org. **Workshop On Tax Savings**

American Tax Professionals and American Vision Productions present "Record Keeping STRATEGIES Workshop". The workshop is led by Enrolled Agent, Audit Litigation Specialist, **Paul Kent**. The main focus is on small to medium businesses. The purpose is to educate, inform and involve the taxpayer in the process. Learn the latest strategies, how to formulate deductions and little known areas inside the tax code that can reduce taxes. The workshop is scheduled for Feb. 27. To make a reservation call **Allan Huttly** at 510-791-8962. **Senior Care Guides**

Georgia Richardson of Richardson Real Estate Services is offering **New Lifestyles**, an area guide to senior residences and care options. Guides are available for the San Francisco Bay or the Sacramento/North Bay areas. To obtain a complimentary issue, contact Richardson at 510-569-3499. **Home Buying The First Time**

Attend a free first time homebuyer's seminar. **Michael J. Smith & Associates** Real Estate Company presents ongoing seminars for those interested in learning the ins and outs of homebuying. A variety of topics are covered, including how to buy for no money down. To register for a future seminar call 510-430-8484.

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Red Oak Realty on Solano Avenue in Berkeley does more than sell real estate. For over sixteen years, Red Oak Agents have contributed to ROOF (Red Oak Opportunity Foundation). Red Oak Realty matches the agent's contributions. The combined donations are awarded to non-profit organizations for their dedication and work in the community. This year nineteen organizations benefited from the \$36,000 raised by ROOF. Since its inception contributions have exceeded a quarter of million dollars. For more information on making a donation or requesting your organization be considered for an award contact **Sue Rull** of the Red Oak Opportunity Foundation at 510-280-2130.

OAR NAMES NEW CHAIRPERSON

The Oakland Association of Realtors continue to help support

the Oral Lee Brown Foundation. The foundation provides college scholarship funds for Oakland high school students. A committee was formed last year, to create a simple and easy way for those in the real estate community to contribute. Through the generosity of the Oakland real estate community, last year's goal of \$18,000 was met. Real estate agents and brokers are invited to designate contributions, at the close of escrow, for a special fund. This year's Chairperson is **Lois Harris** of Prudential California Realty. Donations are now being accepted. To find out more contact Harris at 510-287-2521.

BAR ANNIVERSARY PINS

Did you know the Berkeley Associations of Realtors is celebrating their 100th Anniversary? A commemorative pin was produced to celebrate the occasion. The pins have an American flag motif, with the words "Celebrating 100 Years" across the top and Berkeley Association of Realtors across the bottom. If you would like to purchase one contact **Don Clark** at BAR by calling 510-848-4288.

OAR PRESENTS

The Oakland Association of Realtors presents a half day seminar to renew your real estate license. Attend and earn all 45 DRE credit hours at once. The seminar includes Agency, Ethics, Trust Funds and Fair Housing. The instructor will be "The Real Estate Guys" talk show host, **Charlie Krackeler**. The seminar is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday March 8. For more information about attending to renew your license call 1-800-54-RENEW.

GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARDS

Realtor Magazine is seeking nominations for its third annual Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes realtors whose commitment to community service has helped make their community a better place. Five winners will be announced in the magazine and honored at the 2002 Realtors Conference & Expo in New Orleans. Award entries must be received by May 1. For more details call 800-874-6500.

NEW "e-BUYER" COURSE

A new elective course is being offered by the Real Estate Buyer's Agency Council of the National Association of Realtors. The course called "e-Buyer" is de-

signed to help take the next step after mastering computer and Internet basics. REBAC is the awarding body for the ABR (Accredited Buyer's Representative) and ABRM (Accredited Buyer's Representative Manager) designations. To learn more about this six hour course and ABRM designations call 800-648-6224 or visit the Web site at www.rebac.net.

WCR HORSE RACES

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter is co-sponsoring their annual "Day At The Races". The event is planned for Wednesday, March 20 at the Golden Gate Fields Turf Club. The cost is \$30 per person and includes a buffet beginning at noon. Post Time for the first race is 12:45 p.m. with the last race at 4:30 p.m. WCR's "Day At The Races" is held in conjunction with the San Francisco and Contra Costa Chapters. Reservations are a must. Contact **Lee Jacobson** of Pacific Union at 510-339-6460 x 309.

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MORTGAGE PROFESSIONALS

Attention Mortgage Professionals. Learning more about an industry is as important as being a part of that industry. The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers discussing timely topics. CARL meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 6 p.m. Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

To find out more call these organizations' hotlines. The CARL Hotline is 925-746-1847. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663. **Breakfast Club**
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to be more in control, of the buying process. In contradiction, a substantial proportion of Internet buyers found the Internet to be "less useful than the information provided by the real estate agent," and declared Internet information to be "different" from that given by the agent.

This dichotomy indicates a false sense of security on the part of Internet buyers. Again, it highlights the importance of having a good Realtor who will work in your best interests.

Final thoughts

The Internet is an incredibly valuable tool. It can help you use your time more effectively, but its limitations must not be taken for granted.

Carey

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manufactured material such as siding and wallboard will have backing at all joints. No matter how well-built a wall might be, without proper diagonal bracing (and structural shear where required), it can collapse like a house of cards. Diagonal bracing usually consists of a 1-by-4 that is cut into or "let in" to the wall framing. Metal straps nailed to the face of the wall framing have become increasingly popular in recent years.

Corner framing requires special attention for two reasons — structural integrity and solid backing to form an inside nailing corner. There

Do not be lulled into a false sense of security by the abundance of available online. Many are outdated, or do not provide accurate information. Rely on a local agent with a proven track record. Driving around town visiting various homes is one way to get a feel for the market. Saving time by using the Internet is a good idea, but you have to go to the source to get the most accurate information. For my previous articles on Real Estate Agent, and how to find a good Realtor, visit my Web site at realtor.com or call me.

Don Dunning is a real estate veteran. He is a writer, editor and consultant. Bennett Realtors is his company. Call him at 510-531-7575.

are two popular construction configurations — one with two studs with one block between them at the adjacent wall and the other with one stud to the sandwiched wall. While you might think your hammer is one of a handful of nails in the nest that you first nail a couple of issues before. Don't make any structural changes to your home without an engineer.

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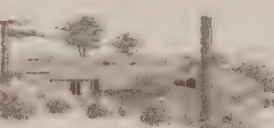
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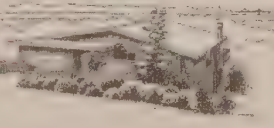
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The anatomy of a home sale

number 389 in a series of true adventures in real estate. The first showed our Berkeley agent on a recent Thursday showing an open house. The house was priced at \$375,000 for a house in the Berkeley hills with four bedrooms, two bathrooms and a bay view. We had expected there to be a lot of interest, but we had no idea how big the swell would be. Zillions of people arrived, maybe as many as 100, certainly more than we've had at a first showing. The house is on a narrow, winding street of Euclid Avenue, where the street is divided by a barrier. Our open house, we had out the window to see a lot of people walking toward the house, cars parked both up and down the hill, and on both sides of the barrier, as far as the eye could see. Agents came, and a lot of potential buyers, too. We'd mailed out the information about the open house, and we'd shared the information with the agents. Some people had heard of the house from the listing. Everyone had the same question: What was this house? Why was it so low?

The house was built in the 1930s on a good sized, up slope lot. The exterior is attractive white stucco with chocolate brown window trim. Terra cotta tile on the front of the roof. A large Monterey pine dominates the street side, and there are flights of stairs up to the back door. Above and behind the house is a green garden looking over the bay.

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A great deal of work is needed. The foundation is cracked and rotated, the concrete crumbling. The flat roof has leaked. The electrical system, plumbing, fireplace and furnace all need repair or replacement, and probably the sewer line does, too. Retaining walls at the rear of the house, holding back the earth where the garden is, are cracked and leaning.

Over many years, water has rained down onto the foundation and behind the stucco walls and caused damage. Much of the stucco will have to be removed and the wood underneath replaced before new stucco is applied.

In addition, the bathrooms and kitchen use up updating. All of the interior surfaces in the house need paint, plaster repair, wallpaper removal, and the floors need renewal. Nevertheless, especially when the sun is shining through the windows, this house is clean and inviting. The living room is large and light, with the Bay view beckoning to the west. Many visitors arriving in this room looked out to the big pine and beyond to the water and the city, and said, "How pretty. This is a wonderful house."

Even before their clients had been inside the house, we had received numerous phone calls from agents requesting disclosure packages, in this case, 90 pages

of inspection reports, disclosures and information from the seller about the property. We heard from local agents and some from San Francisco, Contra Costa County, and as far away as Los Angeles.

Before we accepted offers, we gave out 43 packages to agents with interested buyers. We have never had a listing for which so many packages were requested.

Once begun, the momentum was amazing. Twelve days passed between the time we entered the listing on Multiple Listing and the Internet and the day that the seller signed a contract with a buyer. During that short time, we received 185 telephone calls inquiring about the house, an astonishing number.

On Sunday we held the house open to a constant stream of visitors; an estimated 400 people went through the property that day. We endeavored to tell each visitor what work would be required, repeating over and over again the deficiencies of the house.

It didn't appear that our warnings reduced anyone's ardor. Many people stuck around for hours reading the written reports, walking through the rooms and climbing to the top of the garden. Many wondered aloud "What if we just lived in it, didn't try to fix it?"

We first met the seller of the house last November. Her mother,



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who died last summer at the age of 93, had lived in the house for fifty years. The daughter wanted to know from us what the house might sell for and what she should do to prepare it for sale.

We ordered a termite report and were there during a general physical inspection. Once we knew the extent of the problems with the house, we suggested to the seller that she sell it as it was. It didn't make any sense to us to make partial repairs, and the seller agreed.

She emptied the house of furniture, miscellaneous belongings stored in the basement and garage, and removed old window coverings and carpeting. Workers were hired to clean all of the interior surfaces, windows, and appliances. A few minor repairs were made, things like making doors operate smoothly.

Our stager brought into the living room a rug, table and chairs, lamps and a couple of plants. She created a pretty vignette, just enough for visual warmth, plus a place to sit.

All of this prep cost less than \$5,000, money that we feel was well worth spending. So often

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by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic boulevard. Start time begins promptly at 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

Just spoke to Colleen Porter, Executive Officer for the Oakland Association of Realtors. She promised 2002 would be a busy and exciting year for the association. Watch this column for upcoming OAR events. Porter can be reached at the OAR office at 510-836-3000.

Free drainage seminar

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Water can seep into your home and cause hidden damage that can be not only dangerous but is always expensive to repair.

Alan Kropp, a civil engineer, specializing in hillside residential construction, will present a seminar at Truitt & White Lumber, 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, March 2.

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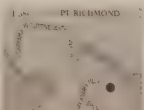
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Median home price posts 13.9% gain in fourth quarter

■ 10 percent gain for 2001, according to the California Association of Realtors

CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California hit a new record during the fourth quarter of 2001, rising 13.9 percent to \$286,410, the California Association of REALTORS and Real Estate Solutions, a real estate information service, reported today. For the year as a whole, the median price of an existing, single-family

detached home was \$265,480, a 10.0 percent increase compared to 2000.

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California amounted to 487,760 for the fourth quarter of 2001 at a seasonally adjusted annualized rate, an 8.0 percent decrease from 530,410 in the fourth quarter of 2000. As expected, sales for all of 2001 fell 5.8 percent to 504,430 compared to 2000, when sales were 535,470.

C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached

homes for the fourth quarter of 2001 was 3.4 months, compared to 2.8 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.78 percent during the fourth quarter of 2001, down from 7.62 percent in the fourth quarter of 2000, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 5.24 percent in the fourth quarter of 2001, down from 7.17 percent in the fourth quarter of 2000.

The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 33 days in the fourth quarter of 2001, compared to 32 days for the same period a year ago.

Regional MLS sales and price information is contained in the charts that accompany this press release. In a separate report covering more localized statistics generated by C.A.R. in conjunction with Real Estate Solutions' MetroScan software and information product, 80.4 percent of California cities and communities showed an increase in their respective median home prices for the fourth quarter of 2001 compared to the same period a year prior. Localized MetroScan statistics are based on county records data rather than MLS information. The MetroScan tables listing median home prices and sales in more than 360 California cities within 32 counties is accessible through the C.A.R. Web site: www.car.org

Some highlights

The 10 cities and communities with the highest median home prices in California during the fourth quarter 2001 were:

- Belvedere/Tiburon, \$1,275,000
- Saratoga, \$950,000
- Los Altos, \$917,500;
- Pacific Palisades, \$837,500
- Coronado, \$812,500
- Malibu, \$775,000
- Palos Verdes Estates, \$759,500
- Beverly Hills, \$748,500
- Menlo Park, \$710,000
- Manhattan Beach, \$708,500

The 10 California cities and communities with the largest annual increase in their respective median home prices during the fourth quarter 2001 compared to the same period in 2000 were:

- Wasco, 60.9 percent
- Sanger, 38.8 percent
- Twentynine Palms, 37 percent
- La Habra, 35.1 percent
- Imperial Beach, 29.9 percent
- Stanton, 28.0 percent
- Paso Robles, 27.3 percent
- Merced, 26.8 percent
- La Canada-Flintridge, 26.2 percent
- Santa Maria, 26.1 percent

The California Association of Realtors is one of the largest state trade organizations in the United States, with more than 103,000 members dedicated to the advancement of professionalism in real estate. C.A.R. is headquartered in Los Angeles.

Mortgage rates remain flat

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In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.86 percent, with an average cost of 0.7 point (1 point equals 1 percent of the loan amount), for the week ending Feb. 15.

This bellwether rate was down just 2 basis points from 6.88 percent last week. Last year at this time, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 7.01 percent.

The average for the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage this week is 6.35 percent, with an average cost of 0.7 point, falling a single basis point from last week's average of 6.36 percent. A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.61 percent.

One-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) av-

eraged 4.98 percent this week, with an average cost of 0.7 point, down 6 basis points from last week's average of 5.04 percent.

This time last year, the one-year ARM averaged 6.40 percent.

"Quiet financial markets this week left mortgage rates low and almost unchanged from last week's figures," said Frank Nothaft, Freddie Mac chief economist.

"In the meantime, retail sales jumped in January and mortgage applications remained high. These are positive indications that the economy is in recovery mode."

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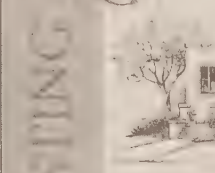
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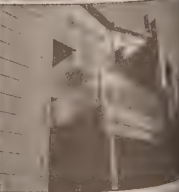
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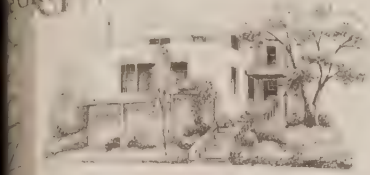
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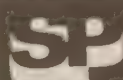
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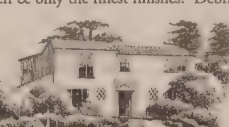
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967 46th St - \$245,000
6363 Christie #304 - \$230,000
3 Commodore #B352 - \$227,000
3 Commodore #B458 - \$339,500
3021 Filbert St - \$185,000

KENSINGTON

212 Yale Av - \$557,000

OAKLAND

1800 100th Av - \$195,000

2125 12th Av - \$265,000
2469 26th Av - \$150,000
1580 36th Av - \$223,500
411 38th St - \$236,000
467 38th St - \$405,000
956 54th Av - \$170,000
1126 84th Av - \$206,000
1930 87th Av - \$175,000
1949 88th Av - \$210,000
1445 89th Av - \$200,000
1794 9th St - \$186,000
5350 Broadway - \$480,000
200 Caldecott #113 - \$333,000
733 Carlston Av - \$595,000
5927 Chaboly Tr - \$465,000
700 Clara St - \$195,000
2816 Delaware St - \$240,000
3688 Doris Av - \$599,000
5532 East 17th St - \$240,000
5633 East 17th St - \$270,000
5816 East 17th St - \$190,000

1131 East 24th St - \$325,000
7215 Fresno St - \$222,000
3616 Fruitvale Av - \$325,000
4059 Fullington St - \$258,000
260 Gannon Rd - \$170,000
6225 Girvin Dr - \$700,000
6615 Glen Oaks Wy - \$739,000
6039 Glenarms Dr - \$770,000
1801 Gouldin Rd - \$455,000
3632 Harbor View - \$240,000
4647 Harbord Dr - \$600,000
5777 Harbord Dr - \$560,000
3844 High St - \$433,000
7028 Homewood - \$325,000
3263 Hyde St - \$210,000
3431 Laguna Av - \$175,000
320 Lee St #405 - \$119,000
6224 Maldon St - \$177,000
1865 Manzanita Dr - \$665,000
281 Mather St - \$481,000
3024 Modesto Av - \$348,000

6121 Montrose
8687 Mount
5130 Mount
2712 Myrtle
1845 North
6451 Outlook
815 Paloma Av
2733 Park Bl
3834 Randolph
4659 Reinhardt
2434 Renwick
3118 Robison
6140 Valley V
288 Whitman
5969 Zanon

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57 Hunt
51 King Av

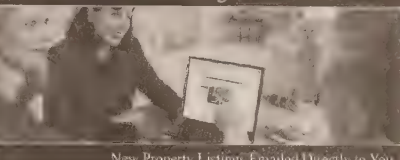
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Glen Beauty. Distinctive
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BR/2.5 BA.

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3692 Calafia. Beautiful, new
construction w/3+ BR/2.5
BA, exhibits quality
throughout!

Sharon Ho
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$519,000
3430 Davis St. What you
dream about! Renovated
Victorian on nearly 1/2 acre
w/creek and Craftsman
cottage.

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4036 Everett. Charming 4+
BR/1.5 BA w/sparkling hwd.
floors and serene private
backyard.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4 \$460,000
418 Newton, Oakland.
Lakeshore Charm! 3 BR,
2+ BA trad. w/det. garage.
Lovely HWF, beamed ceilings,
more!

Logene Butler
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$419,000
59 Montell Street. Exquisite
1920's 2 BR/1 BA showcase
bungalow, just steps to
Piedmont Ave.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$380,000
1412 Market. 2 Identical units
w/2 BR/2 BA incl. Mstr. Suite,
frp/c. and decks. Only 11 yrs.
old!

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220 Caldecott Ln. #301. Light
filled 2 BR/2 BA Condo
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Charming 2 BR/ BA with
formal D/R, nook, fireplace,
HWF floors, spacious rear
yard.

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Now! 5 BR/2 BA, nr.
Eastmont Mall &
transportation. Needs TLC.

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(510) 524-2526

★ Open Sun. 1-4 \$195,000
3724 Suter St. 1+ BR, entry,
nook, dining, fireplace, bonus
art studio, remod. kitchen,
custom cabs., deck, garden,
prking.

Arthur White
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Motivated Seller! \$550,000
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BA home w/bg mstr. suite in
good neighborhood.

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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$240,000
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completely remodeled.

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Walk To U.C. Campus! \$599,950
2+ BR w/remod. kitchen,
deck, non-conform. in-law &
much more! Superb location!

Terrence Jue
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★ Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$389,000
1253 Hearst Ave. Charming &
immac. starter! 2 BR/1 BA,
hrdwd., remodeled, lovely yd.,
fabulous loc. Walk to BART.

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Totally Remodeled \$369,000
2+ BR/1.5 BA w/l.g. kitchen
w/family rm. Detached
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skylight, good size yard &
much more.

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garage.

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Excellent Condition! \$379,000
Lovely 3 BR/2 BA in El
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MBD! Pest report clear! Golf,
more nrby!

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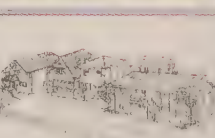
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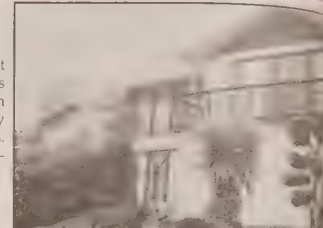
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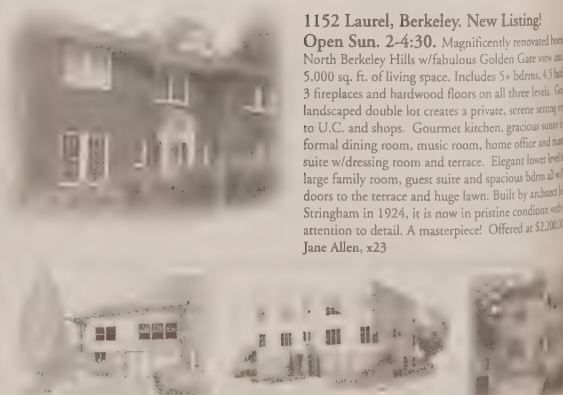
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Open Homes: Sunday, Feb. 24

1152 Laurel, Berkeley. New Listing!
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3 fireplaces and hardwood floors on all three levels. Gorgeous
landscaped double lot creates a private, serene setting near
to U.C. and shops. Gourmet kitchen, gracious sun-drenched
formal dining room, music room, home office and master
suite w/dressing room and terrace. Elegant lower level
large family room, guest suite and spacious bdrm all w/wood
doors to the terrace and huge lawn. Built by architect John
Stringham in 1924. It is now in pristine condition with
attention to detail. A masterpiece! Offered at \$2,200,000.
Jane Allen, x23



777 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley.
Open Sun., 2-4. Enjoy being close
to all the pleasures of the Gourmet
Ghetto, the U.C. Campus, and quick
access to transportation. Bay views
from the enormous living/dining room
w/fireplace. Two bedrooms, one with
French doors to the terraced back
garden and patio. Two full baths
upstairs. Plus room, laundry area and
half-bath w/internal access from the
one-car garage. Newly refinished oak
floors. Freshly painted. Offered at
\$495,000. Arlene Baxter, x19

1515 Hopkins #1, Berkeley.
Open Sun., 2-4:30.
New Listing! Unique and
charming 2-level condo with 3
bdrms, 2 baths in wonderful
location. Walk to great coffee, cafes
and Monterey Market in the heart
of Northbrae. This is a corner unit
w/no shared common walls. Garage
parking. Offered at \$385,000.
Denise Milburn, x35

38 Senior, Berkeley.
Open Sun. 2-4. Beautiful
Traditional family home
1996. Top quality. Open
sun-lit spaces. Live in
to tiled terrace and lovely
San Francisco Bay views. Full
bath. Gourmet kitchen w/
counters, eating area,
family room w/2nd fireplace
doors to patio and terrace
ringed w/lowery pine. Unit
4 bdrms, 2 baths including
mastersuite w/jacuzzi tub
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260 Caldecott Ln. #319. New Listing! Open Sun. 2-4.
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quiet serene views. Offered at \$255,000.
320 Caldecott Ln. #128. New Listing! By Appointment.
Wonderful 2-bdrm, 2 bath Montclair in excellent condition. Offered at \$330,000.
280 Caldecott Ln., #103. By Appointment. Beautiful 2 bdrm, 2 bath
Montclair model w/hwd floors. Offered at \$340,000.
Denise Milburn, x35

1519 Oxford, Berkeley.
Open Sun. 2-4.
A rare opportunity! Sunny
quiet top unit w/no shared
walls. Well-maintained corner
building. No loans against
short-term financing. Call
public transportation and
amenities of North Berkeley.
Gorgeous stained glass
dining room. Living room
w/fireplace and bookcase.
w/riiled counters, 2 bedrooms
baths. Offered at \$385,000.
Maya Trilling, x18

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Sales

RICHMOND	
653 11th St - \$165,000	
910 28th St - \$240,000	
1556 2nd St #A - \$179,000	
1300 2nd St - \$145,000	
1300 2nd St - \$235,000	
1300 42nd St - \$272,000	
1980 7th St - \$82,500	
1980 Buckboard - \$442,000	
1700 Carlos Av - \$253,000	
2618 Downer Av - \$199,500	
501 Dubeo Av - \$85,000	
719 Livingston Ln - \$168,000	
906 Mendocino St - \$329,000	
1019 Ohio Av - \$195,000	
1504 Oscar St - \$165,000	
120 Park Ln - \$186,000	
47 Quail Hill Ln - \$256,000	
6222 Ralston Av - \$285,000	
1826 San Luis St - \$100,000	
316 South 28th St - \$168,500	
341 South 7th St - \$190,000	
4028 Sweetwood - \$272,000	
1041 Trailside Dr - \$518,000	
221 Tunnel Av - \$426,000	
216 Western Dr - \$518,000	

SAN LEANDRO	
1542 141st Av - \$297,500	
2111 167th Av - \$344,000	
229 Accolade Dr - \$380,500	
408 Alvarado St - \$506,000	
1551 Bancroft Av - \$390,000	
620 Black Pine Dr - \$340,000	

550 Broadmoor Bl - \$141,500	
16684 Cowell St - \$490,000	
894 Crespi Dr - \$329,000	
104 Dabner St - \$355,000	
15177 Discovery - \$459,000	
499 Estudillo #205 - \$250,500	
1599 Hays St - \$190,000	
15443 Heron Dr - \$396,500	
15250 Lark St - \$90,000	
1383 Sayre St - \$356,000	
15112 Shining Star - \$580,000	
839 Sybil Av - \$355,000	
14136 Tiburon Rd - \$369,000	
610 Tudor Rd - \$145,000	
508 Warden Av - \$280,000	
2235 West Av 135th - \$350,000	
15943 Windsor Dr - \$331,000	

SAN LORENZO

2082 Bockman Rd - \$330,000	
16156 Silverleaf Dr - \$419,000	
17279 Via Andeta - \$350,000	
1354 Via Vista - \$300,000	

By the numbers

ALAMEDA

TOTAL SALES: 11	
LOWEST PRICE: \$177,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$585,000	
MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$369,000	

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 5	
LOWEST PRICE: \$267,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$390,000	
MEDIAN PRICE: \$292,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$317,800	

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 11	
LOWEST PRICE: \$190,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$857,000	
MEDIAN PRICE: \$395,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$431,091	

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 4	
LOWEST PRICE: \$355,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$725,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$496,375	

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 2	
LOWEST PRICE: \$273,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$310,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$291,500	

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 6	
LOWEST PRICE: \$185,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$339,500	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$252,417	

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 1	
PRICE: \$557,000	

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 58	
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,120,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$367,198	

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 2	
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LOWEST PRICE: \$1,000,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,395,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$1,197,500	

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 25	
LOWEST PRICE: \$82,500	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$518,000	
MEDIAN PRICE: \$199,500	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$242,980	

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 23	
LOWEST PRICE: \$90,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$580,000	
MEDIAN PRICE: \$350,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$335,891	

SAN LORENZO

TOTAL SALES: 4	
LOWEST PRICE: \$300,000	
HIGHEST PRICE: \$419,000	
AVERAGE PRICE: \$349,750	

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Housing affordability rises in December

One-point improvement
for all of 2001

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The percentage of households in California able to afford a median-priced home increased by two percentage points in December compared to a year ago, according to a report released by the California Association of Realtors.

The December 2001 Housing Affordability Index stood at 34 per-

cent, up two points from 32 percent in December 2000. The December index decreased on point compared to November 2001.

"Low mortgage interest rates continued to offset gains in the median home price in California, which hit \$276,940 in December last year," said C.A.R. President Robert Bailey. "For all of 2001, affordability in the state was at 33 percent, a one-point improvement from 32 percent in 2000."

"At 15 percent, San Francisco was the least affordable county in the state, followed by Contra Costa at 18 percent," he said. "With affordability for the U.S. at 57 percent in December, California faces a 23-point affordability gap compared to the nation as a whole."

C.A.R.'s monthly housing affordability index measures the percentage of households that can afford to purchase a median-priced home in California.

Tarpoff

FROM PAGE B5

their houses are cold and dark, and cluttered with possessions. It is unpleasant to be inside them and difficult for buyers to see what these houses could become. We, and our other, wanted the house to look and feel as attractive as we could make it.

Out of all those people who saw the house when we held it open and, in addition, those who were viewed the property individually by

their agents, plus those who called us about the property, quite a few said that they would be writing offers.

We did not know until the morning of the day we were accepting offers how many the seller would receive. It turned out to be 13. While 13 is not a record, it is a lot of offers. Every offer was made by a contractor, architect or engineer, which pleased us.

We felt from the start that someone with construction experience should buy this house. Restoring it to good repair will require time,

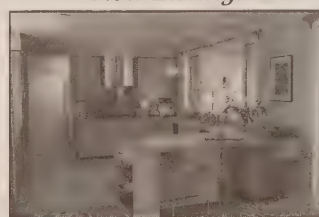
money and expertise.

I can't tell you yet what it sold for. That will have to wait until the sale closes. But the offers were high, surprisingly so we thought. The winner is a contractor, a woman who plans to make the house her home. She estimates that she will have a full crew working on the project for 2 years.

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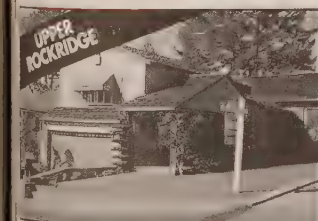


Happy Valley mid-century one level with avant-garde flair set on approximately 1 acre. An innovative blend of timeless materials into a flowing, flexible floor plan that remains relevant for the millennium lifestyle. Thick plate glass and plaster walls, terrazzo floors, see-thru brick fireplaces, mirrored walls as structural accents. Rectangular shaped swimming pool in a secluded courtyard. Four + bedrooms, three full and two half baths, separate guesthouse, gourmet kitchen, office, family room and loggia.

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or 339-9780



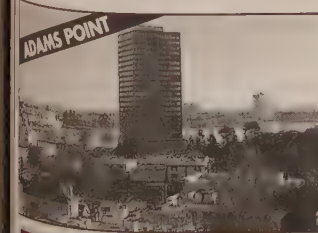
2900 MAXWELL AVENUE \$319,000
2BD with spacious rooms, sunny eat-in kitchen w/Mexican paver floor, 2 bonus rooms for office or studio, charming covered deck, 2-car garage plus huge level yard!

Kate Phillips 531-7000 x228
or 436-4100



2950 MORCOM AVENUE \$289,000
Charming 2BD, formal dining room w/built-in cabinets, sunny breakfast room, refinished hwd. flrs., attached garage, bsmt. for storage, great street.

Carol Robbiano 531-7000 x292



320 LEE STREET #604 \$235,000
1/1. Lovely open view of Hills & City lights, parquet floors throughout newer appliances, wonderful secure building, seismic upgrade in place.

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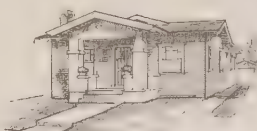
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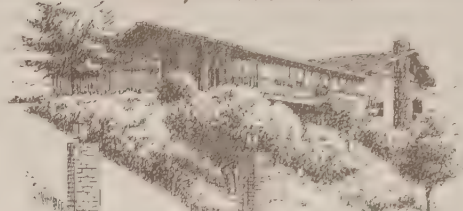
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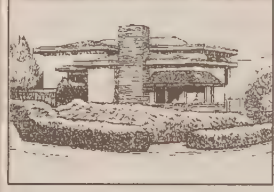
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27698 Calaroga Ave. OPEN SUNDAY Monica Rogers 510-339-8900, x243 C21 Heritage R.E.	38d/2BA	2-4	\$315,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
69 Norwood Avenue OPEN SUNDAY Shari Madden Millstein & Associates 510-524-3840	58d/3BA	2-4:30	\$525,000
8 Kerr Avenue OPEN SUNDAY Darrell Holt Marvin Gardens 510/559-2905	48d/1BA	1-4	\$499,000
188 Highland 2 - 8d/2BA Gene Millstein & Associates 510-527-8922	2 - 8d/2BA	1-4	\$495,000

LAFAYETTE

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2698 Happy Valley Road OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Jerilyn Binghamton 825-253-4601	58d/3BA	1-4	\$2,650,000



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13099 Skyline Blvd. Hillcrest Estates, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Ruby McKaren Lum (510) 339-4700	58d/6BA	2-5	\$1,975,000
814 Alvarado Rd Pacific Union Leslie Eastday (510) 339-6480 x1363	48d/3BA	Sun 2-4	\$1,575,000
7065 Marlborough Claremont Hills Pacific Union Patricia Scott Winkow (510) 339-6460 x1315	4 - 8d/2 - Sun 2-4:30		\$1,500,000
11925 Skyline Blvd. Skyline, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Rosemary Greene (510) 339-4000	58d/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,380,000
5132 Proctor Ave Upper Rockledge Pacific Union Nancy Moore (510) 339-6480 x1302	4 - 8d/2 - Sun 2-4:30		\$1,269,000
5065 Cochrane Ave. Piedmont Mark Miller Prudential CA Realty 510-428-0900	48d/3BA	2-4:30	\$1,150,000
2101 Tunnel Rd Pacific Union Dee Knowland (510) 339-6460 x1318	38d/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$1,110,000
6195 Girvin Dr. Piedmont Pines, OPEN SUNDAY C21 Heritages R.E. 510-531-7657	58d/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,095,000
6919 Bristol Dr. Oakland Hills The Grubb Co. Debra Dryden (510) 339-6400	58d/4BA Sun 2-4:30		\$1,080,000
6703 Elverton Dr, Oakland Hills Michelle Shagan, Agent 925-300-8800	48d/3BA Sun 2-4:30		\$999,000
6193 Girvin Dr. Piedmont Pines, OPEN SUNDAY Christina Downer 510-339-8900, x259 C21 Heritage R.E.	58d/4.5BA	2-4:30	\$995,000
900 Paramount Rd Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co. Michelle Winchester (510) 339-6400	48d/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$929,000
1834 Leimert Blvd Oaklands The Grubb Co. Susanne Paul (510) 339-6400	48d/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$899,000
108 Sheridan Rd Upper Rockledge Pacific Union Ashley O'Neill (510) 339-6460 x1368	58d/3.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$895,000
6845 Oakwood Dr. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker T. Kalia B. Andersen (510) 339-4700	38d/2.5BA	2-5	\$885,000
6000 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Laurel Strand 510-339-6400	38d/3BA	2-4:30	\$880,000
1850 Leimert Blvd Oaklands The Grubb Co. Sherry Benninger (510) 339-6400	48d/3BA Sun 2-4:30		\$879,000
6780 Oakwood Dr Montclair Pacific Union Joanna Hirsch (510) 339-6460 x1368	48d/4 - BA Sun 2-4:30		\$859,000

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6344 Snake Rd Montclair Pacific Union Dick Cohen (510) 339-6460 x1308	38d/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$849,000
6620 Chellon Dr Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Colette Ford Prudential 510-845-0211	38d/2 - BA	2-4:30	\$729,000
176 Santa Rosa OPEN SUNDAY Hope Broderick Prudential-Montclair 510-339-9290	58d/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$725,000
7877 Trellis Ridge Rd. Crocker Highlands, OPEN SUNDAY Dolores Thon Prudential 510-834-2010	2 bd/2BA	2-5	\$695,000
1017 Walker Ave Grand Lake Pacific Union Jeffrey Himmel (510) 339-6460 x1307	48d/1BA Sun 2-4:30		\$679,000
8471 Skyline Blvd Montclair Pacific Union Chuck Cowen (510) 339-6460 x1363	38d/2.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$679,000
20 Wilanova Dr Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Nahid Nassiri (510) 339-6400	5 - 8d/3BA	2-4:30	\$675,000
5944 Tull Avenue Rockledge, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Mary Jane McConville (510) 339-6400	38d/2BA	2-4:30	\$645,000
12110 Tarrion Way Bingham Sales ADT: 510/553/8996	48d/2BA Sun 2-4:30		\$625,000
5150 Redwood Rd. Oakland Hills, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Nader Davari (510) 339-4700	38d/2.5BA	1-5	\$619,000
6650 Luggett Dr Pacific Union Teri Carlisle (510) 339-6460 x1306	2 - - /2BA	2-4:30	\$599,000
13762 Campus Dr Ridgemont Pacific Union Robyn Mohr (510) 339-6480 x1310	38d/2BA	2-4:30	\$595,000
5603 Army Drive Upper Rockledge Wells & Bennett Peter Nicolopoulos 510-531-7000x248	28d/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$575,000
308 Florence Ave Rockledge, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Michael Thompson (510) 339-4700	2 BD/1BA	2-5	\$575,000
6893 Saroni Drive Montclair, OPEN SUNDAY Los Jaimen 510-339-8900, x226 C21 Heritage R.E.	38d/2BA	2-4:30	\$568,000
740 Calmar Ave Crocker Highlands The Grubb Co. Judith Cain (510) 339-6400	38d/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$565,000
83 Yosemite Ave Jenny Ma, Prudential 510-834-2010	48d/3BA	2-4	\$549,000
5017 Kearney Ave J. Miller, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Dell Orr (510) 339-4700	38d/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$549,000
9430 Davis St. Roxanne Brans, Prudential 510-869-5605	3 - 7 - Sun 2-4:30		\$519,000

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8000 Surrey Lane Berkley Hills, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Jim Schubert (510) 339-4000	58d/2BA	2-4:30	\$485,000
4038 Everett CB Reso Prudential-Montclair 510-339-9290	4 - /1.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$485,000
335 Hanover Chino Hills, OPEN SUNDAY Better Homes Teresa Chan (510) 339-4000	38d/2BA	2-4:30	\$478,000
4351 Atlas NEW/RENOVATED KATHY STARR, Thormall Properties 510-848-1950	3 - - /2BA Sun 2-4:30		\$475,000
5956 Monzal Ave Pacific Union Charlotte Boyle (510) 339-6460 x1370	2 - - /1BA Sun 2-4:30		\$475,000
321 48th Street OPEN SUNDAY RED OAK Duplex 2-4	2-4		\$474,000
122 Buckeye Ave Pacific Union Wendy Gardner (510) 339-6460 x1303	3 - - /2BA Sun 2-4:30		\$469,000
418 Newlon Lakeside, OPEN SUNDAY Legone Butler Prudential 510-524-2528	38d/2 - BA	2-4	\$460,000
1 Maggiora Drive Lois Harris, Prudential 510-834-2010/287-2821	3 - /2 - Sun 2-5		\$439,000
214 Mandalay Rd Upper Rockledge The Grubb Co. Kurt Buchholz (510) 339-6400	28d/1BA Sun 2-4:30		\$429,000
85 Maiden Lane Lincoln Heights, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Victor Ratto (510) 339-4700	38d/2BA	1-4:30	\$425,000
2923 Nicol Ave Open Sunday Prudential, Wilbert Rino 510-337-0670	48d/2BA	2-4	\$424,000
59 Montell Street OPEN SUNDAY Brian Santilena Prudential-Montclair 510-339-9290	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$419,000
3500 Victor Ave Redwood Heights The Grubb Co. Nancy Lehnrich (510) 339-6400	28d/1.5BA Sun 2-4:30		\$399,000
4415 Reinhardt Dr Redwood Heights - Oakland Pacific Union Diane East McCan (510) 339-6460 x1352	38d/1BA Sun 2-4:30		\$399,000
5532 Vicente Way Rockledge, OPEN SUNDAY Coldwell Banker Dan Coelho (510) 339-4700	38d/2BA	2-5	\$385,000
1412 Market OPEN SUNDAY Dolice Hensan Prudential-Montclair 510-339-9290	Duplex	2-4:30	\$380,000
220 Caldecott Lane, #301 2 - bd/2BA OPEN SUNDAY Brian Santilena Prudential-Montclair 510-339-9290	2 - bd/2BA	2-4:30	\$379,000
1366 34th St Open Sat & Sun Kathy Hirsch 510-814-4706 Harbor Bay Realty	18d/1 - BA	10-4	\$325,000
2900 Maxwell Ave Muirview Park Wells & Bennett Kate Phillips 510-531-7000x228	28d/2BA	2-4:30	\$319,000
2049 9th Ave Oakland Pacific Union Kathy Flynn (510) 339-6460 x1317	38d/2BA Sun 2-4:30		\$319,000
1555 Lakeside Dr Open Sunday Prudential, Reeching Francis 510-337-8670	28d/2BA	2-4	\$295,000
2950 Marcom Ave Wells & Bennett Carol Robbano 510-531-7000x292	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$289,000
1830 Lakeshore Ave #102 The Grubb Co. Ed Kuo (510) 339-6400	28d/2BA Sun 2-4:30		\$295,000
370 Santa Clara, #1 Grand Lake Anthony Associates Tom Anthony 510-834-2300	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$289,000
1427 17th St OPEN SAT & SUN Kathy Hirsch 510-814-4706 Harbor Bay Realty	3 + BD 1 + BA	1-4	
4046 Agua Vista OPEN SUNDAY Chloe Judy Prudential CA Realty 510-428-0900	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$249,000
320 Lee Street #806 Wells & Bennett Realtors Patsy Buhler 510-531-7000x238	18d/1BA	2-4:30	\$235,000

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7716 Hillside Eastmont Mall, OPEN SUNDAY Connie Payne Prudential	38d/2BA	2-4:30	\$149,000

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308 St James Dr Piedmont The Grubb Co. Bonnie McKeen	38d/1BA	2-4:30	\$149,000
50 Crest Rd The Grubb Co.	58d/3BA	2-4:30	\$149,000
300 Pacific Ave The Grubb Co.	4 - 8d/2BA	1-4	\$149,000
240 Wildwood Ave The Grubb Co.	1 - 8d/1BA	1-4	\$149,000
801 Oakland Ave The Grubb Co.	38d/1BA	2-4:30	\$149,000
21 Blair Ave The Grubb Co. Josephine McKeen	38d/1BA	2-4:30	\$149,000
4046 Agua Vista OPEN SUNDAY Chloe Judy Prudential CA Realty	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$149,000

PINOLE

Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
3767 Brazil Ct. OPEN SUNDAY Millstein & Associates Center Realty	48d/2BA	2-4	\$424,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
533 Ocean Ave Nancy Fox, Thormall Properties	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$149,000

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Address & Realty	Size	Hours	Price
5717 Huntington Ave Richmond Acres, OPEN SUNDAY Joan Underwood Marla Kamen	28d/1BA	2-4:30	\$149,000

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Open Sunday



CLAREMONT \$1,575,000
614 ALVARADO RD. (Open 2-4)
 Custom built re-creation of the original 1922 Colonial home. Exceptional quality & detailing. 4BR/3BA, 4 fireplaces, SF & GG views, double lot & 2 garages. Leslie Easterday x1363

CLAREMONT HILLS \$1,500,000
7065 MARLBOROUGH (Open 2-4:30)
 Live in high style while viewing the glittering lights of SF's famed skyline. 2 year old 4+BR/2+BA contemporary w/kitchen/family room & level yard area. Magnificent & sumptuous! Patricia Scott Winslow x1315



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$1,269,000
5132 PROCTOR AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Stunning 4+BR/2.5BA Mediterranean Villa by the August Company. Breathtaking tiled terrace w/bay views. Nancy Moore x1302



BERKELEY \$1,150,000
883 ARLINGTON AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Julia Morgan Masterpiece! Lots of sunshine, large rooms, level lot, bay, city & bridge views. Vaulted redwood living rm with balcony & stone fireplace. 3BR/1.5BA, sep. cottage. Close to shopping & transportation. Jack McPhail x1300



OAKLAND HILLS \$1,110,000
2101 TUNNEL RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Smashing new 3+BR/2.5BA contemporary Mediterranean designed by architect Richard Janzen. Chef's kitchen w/lam rm combo, & beautiful entry courtyard. Dee Knowland x1318

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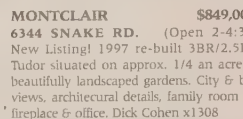
NORTH BERKELEY \$995,000
1345 QUEENS RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 Spacious light filled 5+BR/3BA home w/wonderful Bay views. Lovely architectural details, recently updated, double lot w/ gardens & level spaces for outdoor enjoyment. Leslie Avant x1341



UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$895,000
108 SHERIDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 Terrific 6 year old 5BR/3.5BA. Light & airy loaded w/style. Easy living. Level-in, yard. Ashley O'Neill x1368



MONTCLAIR \$859,000
6780 OAKWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Spacious 6 yr old contemporary w/marble floors, oversized kit/lam rm. 4BR suites/4+BA, 3 fp & breathtaking canyon views. Joanna Hirsch x1366



MONTCLAIR \$849,000
6344 SNAKE RD. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! 1997 re-built 3BR/2.5BA Tudor situated on approx. 1/4 an acre of beautifully landscaped gardens. City & bay views, architectural details, family room w/ fireplace & office. Dick Cohen x1308

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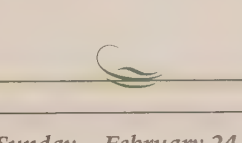
BERKELEY \$850,000
73 EL CAMINO REAL (Open 2-4:30)
 Stunning Mediterranean in desirable Claremont neighborhood w/views of SF & Golden Gate Bridge. 3BR/2BA, formal dining, updated kitchen w/breakfast bar. Landscaped garden. Lee Jacobson x1309



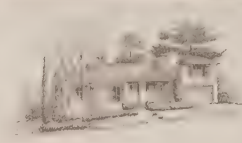
GRAND LAKE \$679,000
1017 WALKER AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Sunny & spacious 1921 Craftsman rich in architectural detail. Formal wood paneled dining room. 4BR/1+BA, updated eat-in kitchen & park-like yard. Great location. Jeffrey Himmel x1307



MONTCLAIR \$679,000
8471 SKYLINE BLVD. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Unique contemporary w/bay views. 3BR/2.5BA, granite & butcher block counters. 2-car attached garage. Across from Regional Park. Chuck Corwin x1353



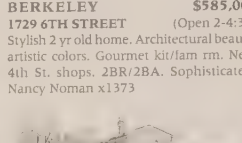
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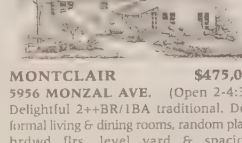
MONTCLAIR \$599,000
6650 LIGGETT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Great location in desirable Piedmont side of Montclair. 2+BR/2BA, sun room, spacious family room w/ French doors to large deck & beautiful private garden. Teri Carlisle x1305



RIDGEMONT \$595,000
13762 CAMPUS DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! 3BR/2BA home located on over an acre of land adjoining scenic Regional Park. Sweeping canyon vistas, sunny loft with fireplace & 3-car garage. Robyn Mohr x1310



BERKELEY \$585,000
1729 6TH STREET (Open 2-4:30)
 Stylish 2 yr old home. Architectural beauty, artistic colors. Gourmet kit/lam rm. Near 4th St. shops. 2BR/2BA. Sophisticated! Nancy Noman x1373



MONTCLAIR \$475,000
5956 MONZAL AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 Delightful 2+BR/1BA traditional. Den, formal living & dining rooms, random plank hrdwd flrs, level yard & spacious detached studio. Charlotte Boyle x1370



UPPER ROCKRIDGE
122 BUCKEYE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
 New Listing! Spacious recreation room, hardwood floors, place. Oak tree setting. One block from Hillcrest School. Wendy Gardner x1302

REDWOOD HEIGHTS
4415 REINHARDT DR. (Open 2-4:30)
 Adorable 3BR/1BA cottage, dens and great location. First market. Diane Earl McCan x1302

OAKLAND
2049 9TH AVE.
 Cute 3BR/2BA home w/garage, hardwood floors, FDR w/built-ins, updated kitchen. James P. Lee x1309

THOUSAND OAKS
 Gorgeous rare property in N. Bay Area. 5+BR/4BA, beautiful suite, custom kit, lower level open to private English garden. Close to everything. Anne Van Dyke x1302



CROCKER \$1,300,000
 New Listing! Exquisite Crocker Normandy. Gorgeous property with a lot of charm. Gourmet kit, library open to private English garden. up. 2BR/1BA down. Ten Car x1302

PIEDMONT \$1,700,000
 Gracious country-English w/5+BR/4.5BA, excellent flrs, w/fireplace & convenient kitchen/lam rm. Level out to beautiful yard & sport court. Georgia x1302

NORTH BERKELEY \$900,000
 Wonderful, spacious 4-BR/3.5BA contemporary home w/expansive North Library/media rm, 2 lam rm, & 2nd unit potential. Donna G x1302

OAKLAND \$700,000
 Sunny & light duplex built in 1950s. Formal rooms, hardwood floors den. 1BR/1BA & 3BR/1BA garage for each unit. Roscoe W x1302

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New Listing!

13762 Campus Drive, Oakland

Located on over an acre & adjoining the scenic Regional Park, this 3BR/2BA contemporary offers sweeping canyon views & spacious outdoor living areas. Level floor plan, sunny loft w/fireplace & 3-car garage. Convenient to shopping & freeways



Offered at \$595,000

Robyn Mohr
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New Listing!

2101 Tunnel Road, Oakland

Perillos' latest offering is this smashing new contemporary Mediterranean, designed by renowned architect Richard Janzen. 3BR/2.5BA, Chef's kitchen, Bay & canyon views. Elegance, comfort, and modern amenities abound!



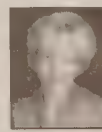
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5132 Proctor Avenue, Oakland

Magnificent Mediterranean Villa by the August Company built in 1996. Charming & spacious. 4 bedrooms/2 1/2 baths. Breathtaking terrace with bay views



Offered at \$1,269,000

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New Listing!

8471 Skyline Boulevard, Oakland

Extremely unique 3BR/2.5BA contemporary with bay views. Granite & butcher block counters in kitchen, lawn decking, radiant heating, cable lighting & generous use of natural light. 2-car garage. Located across from Regional Park.



Offered at \$679,000

Chuck Corwin
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4415 Reinhardt Drive, Oakland

Adorable 3BR/1BA home located in desirable Redwood Heights. All level home w/spacious master bedroom & large eat-in kitchen. Adjoining dining room overlooking garden. Detached 1-car garage. Close to transportation & shopping.



Offered at \$399,000

Diane Earl McCan
 Senior Sales Associate
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Open Sunday ~ February 24 ~ 2-4:30
New Listing!

122 Buckeye Avenue, Oakland

Spacious fixer in Upper Rockridge with 3BR recreation room and "plus" room. Hardwood floors, place. One block from Hillcrest school. Oak tree setting.



Offered at \$469,000

Wendy Gardner
 Broker Associate
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TUE NAM TON/STAFF

ROW, ROW, ROWING their machines, members of the Berkeley High School crew team worked out on ergonomics equipment. A fund-raising exhibition at the Civic Center in Berkeley on Feb. 9, crew members (from the left) Brian Sweeney, Hogan Edelberg, Jono Brandel and Eric Nguyen showed their stuff.

Crewing for fun, for funds

Ergonomics show pulls in much-needed funds for BHS crew team

Members of the Berkeley High School crew team came together Feb. 9 at the Civic Center in Berkeley to test some equipment.

They were also hoping to raise some cash for the program.

Highlighted by a proclamation by Berkeley Mayor Shirley Dean announcing the day at BHS men's Crew Team Day, the club set out to raise \$30,000. Each of the 52-member team recruited family, friends and community members to pledge funds in support of the activity. The athletes rowed 4,000 meters on an erg, or rowing machine, where 15 machines were set up as an introduction to the public to the rigors of the sport.

Despite limited financial resources (just two percent of the

club's fund come from the school's athletic program), BHS crew consistently wins medals in local and regional events. The club won the varsity 8-man boat and varsity 4-man boat at the Newport Festival in Southern California this past fall.

The club's next event is the annual Battle of the Bay on Feb. 23. Hosted by the club, it features tradition powers such as the Marin Rowing Association and Oakland Strokes and will be held on Lake Chabot in Castro Valley. The first event is the men's V8 race at 9:10 a.m.; the final race is the Women's lightweight 8 at 12:10 p.m.

Those wishing to aid the program should note that donations are tax deductible and checks can be sent payable to BHS Men's Crew to Mike Ward, 1000 Cragmont Ave., Berkeley, CA 94708. For more information visit the crew's Web site: www.berkeleyhighcrew.org.

Tate takes over

Sophomore racks up a career-high 34 points as Jackets power past Gauchos

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

BERKELEY — To say that Berkeley basketball player Khion Tate had a monster game Tuesday would be a major understatement.

The 6-foot-3 sophomore forward came off the bench to nail 17 of his 19 field goal attempts for a career-high 34 points to lead the Yellow Jackets to a 63-50 victory.

"My teammates just got me really pumped up," said Tate about the reason for his breakout game. "After the second shot, I felt good."

Tate's performance, in which he showed excellent shooting range from outside in addition to a stellar inside game and also grabbed eight rebounds, probably couldn't have been predicted. He is averaging 4.7 points per game this season and his highest scoring game at any level was 25 last year for Berkeley's freshman team.

But Tate's performance didn't

Prep boys' basketball

Berkeley 63
El Cerrito 50



GREGORY UROQUIAGA/STAFF

BERKELEY'S NATE SIMMONS went over El Cerrito's Dominique Thomas during their ACCAL match up Feb. 14. Playing at Donahue in Berkeley, the Yellow Jackets downed the Gauchos 63-50.

Grizzlies rain down on Jackets

Cal High knocks Berkeley from NCS; boys fall

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

DANVILLE — Maybe it was the rain or maybe it was the wind and chilly air. But more likely it was the competition.

Whatever, the eighth-seeded Berkeley girls (16-5-0) exited the North Coast Section 3A playoffs, falling in the quarterfinals to the No. 1 seeded California High Grizzlies 5-0 at Cal High on Feb. 16. Playing in a sometimes-driving rain, the Grizzlies (14-1-3), who are ranked among the top schools in the state and who feature a pair of Parade Magazine All-Americans, slammed

Berkeley did not yield another goal until almost 20 minutes had elapsed in the half. Then Kelsey Quane ripped the first of her three goals, scoring with assist from Keri Macinsky at 19:30. Ten minutes later, Quane struck again, heading in a free kick from Darby Kroyer. Then, with a minute to go in the half, Quane made it 4-0, hitting with an assist from Mahoney.

Meanwhile, the Yellow Jackets were having a hard time getting shots off at the Cal High goal. Just once in the first half was Berkeley able to squeeze off a legitimate shot. In fact, the Yellow Jackets did not even get on the Grizzlies' side of the field until 11 minutes had ticked off the clock.

In all, Cal High outshot Berkeley 13-1 in the first half, 7-3 in the second. All-American goalie Kim Bingham had just one save on the night. Munson replaced her in the second half with Krissy

first two goals went right out of our goalies' hands."

Cal High's first goal arrived in the net less than 4 1/2 minutes into the match. Set up on a crossing pass from Cassi Sweeney, all-American Katie Mahoney zipped the ball past Berkeley cager Sara Corrigan-Gibbs for 1-0.

Corrigan-Gibbs was in for a long night — but not one without distinction. Though the junior would give up five goals on the night, she would also stop 11 shots from entering the cage. She had six saves in the first half (in the driving rain and playing in front of a spongy, soggy goal), five in the second.

"What we told the girls was jump all over them," Munson said. "Be all over them in the first five, 10 minutes."

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Prep girls' soccer

NCS 3A
playoffs
Quarterfinals
California 5
Berkeley 0

Turns out, the conditions may have hurt Berkeley more than the home team, especially since the Yellow Jackets play about half their games on Berkeley High's artificial turf.

"We just slid," Yellow Jacket midfielder Laila Nossier said. "We have nothing like this. The

hard-charging (and No. 1 seeded) Cal High Grizzlies in the quarterfinals of the NCS 3A playoffs. As strong a performance as she put on — for one thing, it was raining at game time — the Grizzlies nevertheless put the quarterfinal win in the book.

In blanking Castro Valley in the opening round, Corrigan-Gibbs recorded seven saves. Berkeley posted a 1-0 victory in the double overtime thriller.

Khion Tate, Berkeley basketball — Tate came off the bench to score 34 points and pull down eight rebounds to spark the Yellow Jackets to a 63-50 win over El Cerrito.

William Vega, Berkeley soccer — Vega's goal, scored in the final seconds against Castro Valley, sent the match into overtime. Playing in the quarterfinals of the NCS playoffs, the Yellow Jackets fell in a shootout.

Brandon Jernigan, El Cerrito basketball — Jernigan had 13 points and four rebounds against the first-place Berkeley Yellow Jackets last week.

Quotes of the week

"We all came out here wanting to play well. If we lose, we lose — we know they're the No. 1 team and we're eighth, but if we play well, that's all that matters."

— Berkeley midfielder Laila Nossier following her team's loss to California High School in the quarterfinals of the NCS playoffs.

"My teammates just got me really pumped up. After the second shot, I felt good."

— Berkeley basketball player Khion Tate after coming off the bench to score a career-high 34 points against El Cerrito on Feb. 14.

currently ranked just ahead of St. Mary's in Bay Area polls.

De Anza at Berkeley, tonight at 7 — The Yellow Jackets should win this game — they beat the Dons 57-48 the last time around, Damien Burns scoring 12 points, Kenneth Alexander 10 — thus notching their 12th consecutive win. It all adds up to a tie with Pinole Valley for first place in the ACCAL standings.

However, as chosen in a preseason lottery, the Spartans will claim the automatic NCS berth, while Berkeley will bid for an at-large spot in the playoffs. Still, it will be hard to turn down a bid by either school. Both Berkeley (18-7) and Pinole Valley (19-5) have the kind of credentials the NCS seeding committee is looking for.

Both Berkeley and Pinole Valley are in Division I and will face the likes of St. Mary's, St. Joseph Notre Dame and De

La Salle, possibly as early as first round. The NCS playoffs are set to begin Feb. 26 at the site of a higher seed.

Girls basketball

BSAL playoffs, championship at Albany High School, Saturday afternoon at 5:30 — If St. Mary's defeated Holy Names last night (past press time) it will face either the No. 1-seeded Kennedy Eagles or the No. 5 St. Patrick/St. Vincent Bruins.

During the regular season, the Panthers (19-7) defeated St. Pat's 56-42, but lost to Kennedy (21-4) 66-44 when the Eagles' Rashonda Abercrombia put up 17 points and Deirdra Chatman 10. Still, Panthers freshman Shantrell Sneed countered with 15 as St. Mary's took a lead into the second quarter.

Berkeley vs. Encinal at Hercules High

School, Saturday at 6 p.m. — In something of a faux ACCAL championship game, the Yellow Jackets will face the Jets for third time this season. The winner will get an automatic spot in the upcoming NCS playoffs, set to begin Feb. 26 at a school near you.

The loser will bid for an at-large berth at the playoffs. But the fact is, both clubs are on their way to the playoffs. The Yellow Jackets (18-8 after losing to top-ranked Pinewood last weekend) are bound for the upper echelons of Division I, the Jets (19-9) to Div. III.

For the record, Berkeley topped Encinal 51-39 on Jan. 22 and 64-43 on Feb. 22.

Stars of the week

Sara Corrigan-Gibbs, Berkeley soccer — Goalie Corrigan-Gibbs racked up 11 saves in a valiant effort to hold off the

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Trio leads Bears at Zone 2

Lizzy Arnason, Andrea Fajans and Isa Guardalabene all recorded new AA times to lead the Berkeley Bears at the Pacific Zone 2 championships.

Swimming Feb. 9-10, the event was held at San Ramon Valley's Livermore Aquatics Center. In all, the club recorded 16 new A times and 13 new B times. On the girls' side, Fajans, 17, collected new AA times in the 200-yard freestyle, stopping the clock at 2 minutes, 11.11 seconds, and the 100 breaststroke in 1:18.36. In addition, Fajans was sixth in the 100 breast, seventh in both the 200 individual

medley and the 500 free. Guardalabene, 10, earned new AA times in the 50 free, clocking in at 31.44 and the 100 free with a time of 1:10.62. She was sixth in the 50 butterfly, eighth in the 50 breast. Arnason, 12, picked up her new AA time in the 500 free, touching the wall in 6:04.92. Lindsay Rodgers, 17, raced to a third-place finish in the 100 breast with a time of 1:15.94. She was eighth in the 500 free ... Lauren Sonderegger, 14, placed fifth in the 100 fly in 1:05.96 ... Ten-year-old Anna Goldstein swam to a sixth-place finish in the 50 free (3:09.98) and was eighth in the 50 fly.

The girls' 8-and-under 100 free relay came in eighth; the 9- to 10-year-old medley relay was fifth, the 200 free fourth (2:15.24); In the 13- to 14-year-old age group, the Bears' 200 medley swam to a fourth-place finish (2:12.89); In the 15- to 18-year-old group, the Bears' 200 free relay was eighth, the 200 medley relay sixth.

On the boys' side, Dominic Patterson, 8, was seventh in the 100 free.

Emily Gordis, Patterson and Fajans were named the club's swimmers of the week.

Bay Area fishing report

By Steve Dulas
STAFF WRITER

PACIFIC OCEAN

The rockfishing season along the California coast, from Point Conception to Cape Mendocino, closes for two months beginning March 1, under Fish and Game regulations for 2002. Another two-month closure will occur in July and August.

That will leave the charter operations in Berkeley and Emeryville scrambling for ways to keep their boats on the water next month before the ocean salmon season opens April 1.

The state regulations are intended to comply with the Pacific Fishing Management Council, Chamois Andersen from the California Department of Fish and Game said. This is part of a 30-year rebuilding plan by the federal government to restore the populations of certain species that are considered over-harvested, but still allows for some sportfishing.

Chris Stone of Emeryville Sportfishing, which reported limits of rock cod by the 16 anglers on the New Hook Finn on Monday, said they will look into crab-only trips inside the gate and sturgeon trips inside the gate until salmon season begins.

THE BAYS

SAN PABLO: The sturgeon bite is hit-and-miss on the bay. A few fish have been taken, but a charter from Emeryville Sportfishing on Saturday was skunked.

Head up the Napa River for better action. Robert Shaw hooked an 8 1/2-pound sturgeon on pile worms at the Highway 37 delta, which is close to where Chris DeLeon caught a 40-pound sturgeon the next day. Both were weighed in at C-Biscuit Batts.

Roger Nye weighed in a 71-inch sturgeon, caught by Tom Stanley, at Norm's Bait & Tackle and also had a 50-pound sturgeon on the scale. He also received a report of a 64-inch, 58-pound sturgeon being caught near the Coast Guard Station.

SUISUN: It's hard to say which fish would have generated the most attention — the 93-pound sturgeon caught by Rob Bartz, or a 42-pound sturgeon caught on the Firing Line by an anonymous angler.

John Harris, a regular at Hook, Line & Sink, caught a 32-pound sturgeon, while his partner landed the 42-pound fish.

"All the old-timers are out catching big strikers," said Tony Lopez of McAvoy's. They've been taking them on cut baitheds in deep water near Garnet Point. Anglers haven't been leaving their names, but one fellow reportedly caught five 30-pound fish in a week, Lopez said.

A month ago, anglers were casting off in the middle of the night to try to get a sturgeon. The bite has changed to a more civil time, with most sturgeon being taken during the day now.

"And we've got a little better tide coming, so I think the bite will be better," said fishing guide Barry Canavaro.

Bartz's sturgeon was six pounds heavier than the winning fish in the Rio Vista/Suisun Sturgeon Derby last weekend. Doug Miller of Fairfield won

\$1,250 for catching the biggest fish, an 87-pound sturgeon. The derby drew 400 anglers and 40 fish were caught, Steve Epps of Virgil's in Suisun City said. Most were caught in Suisun Bay and Montezuma Slough on ghost shrimp.

The Mottball Fleet still is a good place to go for sturgeon. Jim Smith, on the Happy Hooker, got three sturgeon there Saturday and three more on Sunday up to 90 pounds — and three shakers each day, too. Troy Rebel of Concord caught a 63-inch sturgeon there on grass shrimp, then took it to the scale at Martinez Bait & Tackle.

A 30-pound striped bass was brought in to Dockside in Pittsburg, caught by an angler who was using a bullhead for the first time.

"I showed them how, and they got a 30-pounder and a smaller one," said Duong of Dockside.

A few sturgeon, from 45 to 87 pounds, also came across his scale. The Antioch Marina is a good spot for catfish, both from the pier and inside the marina, Joanne Mello of Mello's Bait said.

THE RIVERS

AMERICAN RIVER, RANCHO CORDOVA: The winter run steelhead are being joined by "bluebacks" and spring run steelies. Boxed eggs are the top bait, with fish also hitting Willy's Worms and Wiggle Worms. From one to three fish per rod is a good day.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, COLLINSVILLE TO ISLETON: Chan Island was a good spot for strikers. Gordie Brooks of Antioch landed a 75-pound fish on grass shrimp. Jack Hobson, also of Antioch, reeled in a 60-pounder on mud shrimp.

SACRAMENTO RIVER, REDDING TO ANDERSON: Trout action has been fair for bait and fly anglers. Flatfish, Glo-Bugs and nymphs are the best bets.

THE DELTA

The black bass bite is picking up now that water temperatures are on the rise again. Frank Becerra of Brentwood caught three totaling 6.5 pounds at Orwood Resort.

Some smaller strikers are being taken as well. Lonnie Mason of Pittsburg caught an 8-pounder on a minnow in Seven-Mile Slough, and Antioch anglers Chris Black and Dave Dutra caught five catfish up to 5 1/2 pounds on anchovy at Sherman Island.

Sherman Island also yielded a 70-pound sturgeon, caught by David Madrigal of Antioch on grass shrimp.

Other sturgeon weighed in at Gotchal Bait included a 50-pounder, caught by Chuck Larose at West Island; and 62 pounds by Zack Showaker of Oakley. Judy Cuthbertson of Antioch caught a 45-pounder at Collinsville on grass shrimp, then the next day her husband, Kevin, caught 50-pounder in Montezuma Slough.

THE LAKES

SAN PABLO RESERVOIR, EL SOBRANTE: The season opened with a bang, as three 9-pound rainbows were weighed in the first week-end. Christopher Heins of San Bruno caught an 11-pound, 12-ounce rainbow near the dam on Powerbait. Bill Lowery of Santa Rosa caught a 9-

pound, 9.6-ounce trout in Scow Canyon on a Kastmaster. Scot Whitehead of Oakley caught a 9 1/2-pound trout at Sandy Point on a plastic worm. Two lunkers were caught Sunday in the Main Recreation area on Powerbait by Perry Sotiras of Novato (9-1.6 pounds) and by Nathan Lukins of Concord (5-9.6 pounds). Other notable trout caught were by Brian Pallotta of Concord (8-4); David Iwaki of Newark (6-6); Paul Sekins of Pinole (5-14); and Bob Otto of Alamo (5-0). Dale Carlson of Sunnyvale landed a 5-4.8 bass in the preserve on a Rapala.

LAFAYETTE RESERVOIR, LAFAYETTE: The Mt. Lassen Trout Farm planted 1,000 pounds of fish last week with another half-ton due this week. Fishing, however, has been slow. Part of it is the weather; the visitors center reported one angler checked in Tuesday. Limits are being caught, but get there early. Jack Shaffer of San Ramon caught a couple of 3-pound rainbows on Powerbait in the south end.

LAKE DEL VALLE, LIVERMORE: A San Jose angler gave himself a Valentine's Day present when he caught the biggest trout of the week, a 5.4-inch rainbow landed in the narrows on Powerbait last Thursday. The next day, Rick Arroyo of Fremont brought in a 4.8-pound trout caught in the south end on Powerbait.

Boaters in the south end have been scoring the best. Powerbait behind a 14-inch leader has been a good rig. Badger Cove, Swallow Bay and the Oak Point have produced fish from 2-3 pounds. Shore anglers are having some success with worms below a bobber. Try the small coves in Heron Bay and Swallow Bay for catfish. Go a little deeper in the narrows with soft plastics or spinners for bass.

CONTRA LOMA, ANTIOCH: Gilbert Ramirez is about to be proclaimed the Contra Loma Trout King. After catching a 4.4-pound rainbow here last week, he caught a 6-pound rainbow on Powerbait.

LOS VAQUEROS, BRENTWOOD: The water level is rising, so the fishing has dropped off slightly. That didn't prevent Pat Rezendes of Oakley from landing a 23-inch, 4 1/2-pound trout on a worm/marshmallow combo at the marina. Brentwood 11-year-old Kyle Cole caught three trout on worms in the south cove, and Carl Barbieri of Atherton caught a 2-pound salmon on Powerbait.

LAKE CAMANCHE, BURSON: Limits of trout can be had by those who start early. For trollers, work near the surface until about 7:30 in the morning, then switch to leadcore and go about two colors deep. Shore anglers are having success during the first couple of hours of daylight. Try worms or minnows if Powerbait isn't working. Bass are very slow, but a 2-pound crappie was caught in Oregon Gulch last week.

LAKE PARDEE, IONE: Shore anglers did well in the recreation area. Powerbait, worms and lures all were successful baits, with trout averaging about 1 1/2 pounds. Kokanee are being elusive, and bass are attacking minnows along the rocky edge of Columbia Gulch and Deer Island.

the Yellow Jackets.

El Cerrito was paced by Joseph Fort, who produced 20 points. Brandon Jernigan added 13 points for the Gauchos.

The Gauchos forged to a five-point lead late in the first half on a Fort basket for a 28-23 lead. But Berkeley's Simon Pinosh followed with a 3-pointer to narrow the score at halftime.

SCOREBOARD

Basketball

ACCAL

	W	L	GB
Berkeley	12	1	
Pinole Valley	11	1 1/2	
El Cerrito	7	6	5
Encinal	7	6	5
Alameda	7	6	5
Richmond	5	8	7
De Anza	3	10	9
Hercules	0	13	12

Thursdays' results

Alameda 78, De Anza 54
Encinal 68, Hercules 60
Berkeley 63, El Cerrito 50
Pinole Valley 74, Richmond 40

Berkeley 63, El Cerrito 50

EL CERRITO (9-16, 7-2 ACCAL)
Frances Mitchell 10-0-3, Terrence Henderson 3-0-0-7, Joseph Fort 10-0-20, Brandon Jernigan 5-2-2-13, Dominique Thomas 1-0-2, Kevin Webster 2-0-0-4, Josh Harvey 0-1-2, Milton Brown 0-0-0, Tera Davis 0-0-0, Steven Khan 0-0-0, Jonathan Davis 0-0-0 Totals 22-34-50
BERKELEY (18-7, 12-1)
Shawn Burt 2-1-4-5, Lee Franklin 0-0-0-0, Nate Simmons 4-0-2-9, Jack McSweeney 1-0-0-2, Damien Burns 4-0-0-8, Khon Tate 17-0-0-34, Simon Pinosh 2-0-0-5, Darrel Perkins 0-0-0-0, Madiso Doud 0-0-0-0, Robert Hunter-Kord 0-0-0-0 Totals 30-16-63

El Cerrito	12	16	8	14	— 50
Berkeley	13	20	17	— 63	

3-point goals: Mitchell, Henderson, Jernigan, Simmons
Highlights: B — Burns 13 rebounds, 3 steals, Tate 8 rebounds, Simmons 8 assists, Burt 4 assists, 5 steals, EC — Henderson 4 rebounds, Jernigan 4 rebounds, Mitchell 3 rebounds, 5 assists

Final BSAL

	W	L	GB
St. Mary's	11	0	—
Kennedy	10	2	1 1/2
Salesian	9	3	2 1/2
St. Joseph	8	3	3
St. Patrick	6	7	6 1/2
Piedmont	4	7	7
St. Elizabeth	3	8	8
Albany	2	10	9 1/2
John Swett	0	12	11 1/2

Friday's results

Piedmont 55, St. Elizabeth 41
Salesian 77, John Swett 54
Kennedy 85, Albany 53

Kennedy 85, Albany 53

KENNEDY (16-10, 10-2 BSAL)
Sean Bantinger 1-0-0-2, Joe Washington 5-1-2-13, Mervin Taylor 1-1-2-3, Shabazz Wright 0-0-0-0, Devin Peal 12-8-7-27, Leland Mapp 4-5-7-13, Josh Dotler 1-2-2-4, Cameron Taylor 2-0-1-4, Sam Earnest 2-0-0-4, Brandon Page 0-1-2-1, Jay Doss 4-3-4-14, Todd 32-16-27-85
ALBANY (4-20, 2-9)
Denny Ho 5-2-3-13, Matt Ball 4-2-2-11, Sam Lund 4-1-2-11, Garrett Stevenson 0-2-2-2, Eddie Isumarak 0-0-0-0, Charles Holder 1-4-5, Brandon Hinchase 1-2-5-4, Daniel Joyner 1-1-2-3, Matt Hansen 1-0-0-3 Totals 17-14-21-53

Kennedy	16	26	24	18	— 85
Albany	10	16	9	— 53	

3-point goals: Doss, Washington, Lund, Ho, Ball, Hansen, Fouled out: Ho, Technical foul: Taylor
Highlights: K — Peal 14 rebounds, Mapp 10 rebounds

PREP GIRLS

Castro Valley 2, Berkeley 1, OT
Berkeley 0 1 0 0 0 0 — 1
Castro Valley 1 0 0 0 0 1 — 2

NCS

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Beaty, who recorded two saves. The second half was kinder to the Yellow Jackets. By then, the rain had stopped and so had the Grizzlies' shower of goals. Cal High managed to score just once more, and Berkeley was able to get off more shots of goal — three — than in the first half. Earlier in the week, Berkeley had stopped Castro Valley in first-round action, winning 1-0 in a double overtime thriller. In that match, Dea Wallach had scored with assist from Anne Borton to lift Berkeley. Keeper Corri-gan-Gibbs had recorded seven saves to preserve the shutout. The point is, Berkeley left the

Briefs

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a nonprofit public organization with a program designed to reach children in the greater Oakland area, including Alameda, Berkeley, Piedmont, Emeryville, Hayward, Oakland, Richmond, San Leandro, and other cities in the East Bay.

Our mission to instill within each youth the principles of community service, sportsmanship, academic responsibility, honesty, self esteem, loyalty, courage, cooperation and reverence to positively further their growth and emergence into society. For more information log on to www.east-baywarriors.org.

We need cheer coaches and assistant coaches for our teams. We are looking for dependable people to work with the following age groups: Mitey Mites — 7-9 years Jr. Peeewe — 8-11 Peeewe — 9-12 Jr. Midgets — 10-13 Midgets — 11-15

Background checks are required for all coaches, along with CPR/first aid certification train-

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De Anza	4	6	5 1/2
El Cerrito	3	6	6
Richmond	0	10	9 1/2

Thursdays' results

Pinole Valley 63, Richmond 17
Alameda 60, De Anza 44

Final BSAL

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Kennedy	13	0	—
St. Mary's	12	1	1
Holy Names	9	4	4
St. Patrick	8	5	5
Salesian	8	5	5
Piedmont	7	6	6
John Swett	3	10	10
St. Joseph	3	10	10
Albany	1	12	12
St. Elizabeth	1	12	12

Saturday's results

Holy Names 54, St. Joseph 31
Friday's results
Kennedy 97, Albany 12
Salesian 55, John Swett 40
Holy Names 58, St. Joseph 37

PREP BOYS

Feb. 13 results
First round
Amador Valley 6, No. 9 Newark Memorial (10-8-5-1)
Berkeley 3, No. 7 Washington (14-0-4-0)

Feb. 16 results
Quarterfinals
Amador Valley 2, No. 10 La Salle (14-3-4-0)
Deer Valley 2, No. 5 Morio Valley (12-7-2-1)
Castro Valley 2, No. 10 Berkeley (14-5-3-1), penalty

Wesley's results
Semifinals
Deer Valley 2, No. 8 Amador Valley (15-6-2-1)
San Ramon Valley 3, No. 2 Castro Valley (17-14-0-0)

Saturday
Finals
No. 4 Deer Valley (17-3-2-2) vs. No. 3 San Ramon Valley (15-5-1) at Amador Valley 5 p.m.

NCS 2A playoffs
Feb. 13 results
First round
Piedmont 1, No. 6 St. Mary's (8-10-2-0)

Feb. 16 results
Quarterfinals
Las Lomas 3, No. 9 Piedmont (10-7-3-1)
Northgate 3, No. 5 Bishop O'Dowd (11-6-4-2)
Dublin 3, No. 2 Kennedy (13-4-3-2)
Acalanes 2, No. 6 Brentwood Christian (14-6-2-0)

Semifinals
Northgate 1, No. 1 Las Lomas (17-2-2-0), 0 OT
Acalanes 1, No. 7 Dublin (8-10-0-0)

Saturday
Finals
No. 4 Deer Valley (15-5-2) vs. No. 3 Acalanes (13-4-4) at Foothill, 7 p.m.

NCS 3A quarterfinals
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Castro Valley 1 0 0 0 0 1 — 2

at Foothill, 7 p.m.

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Arts

Speakeasy Theatre tackles 'After the Fall'

SPEAKEASY THEATRE enters the ring with a heavy-weight next week with a production of Arthur Miller's "After the Fall." This 1964 drama, autobiographical in spots, is a penetrating study of a contemporary man striving to come to terms with himself and his world by peeling back a painful and revealing past.

Quentin, the protagonist, played by Peter Carlstrom, is a middle-aged, twice-divorced lawyer. In the wake of World War II, hounded in the McCarthy era of the early 1950s, divided from his friends and questioning his own definition of loyalty, he struggles to make sense of a world where we had — still have — the capacity to destroy each other.

Maggie, Quentin's second wife who shares the lead, played by Marin Van Young, was believed by some to be patterned after Miller's own second marriage to Marilyn Monroe. He steadfastly denied this.

Whatever. The play develops around Quentin and Maggie, while five other actors, playing multiple roles, portray the lives of the two principals behind them.

Speakeasy's "Fall," directed by Rebecca Goodberg, will be mounted in an unconventional way. As the director says:

"This energetic production will use a seven-actor ensemble, expressionistic scenic and costume design, choreography and original music to rupture the sense of complacency that tends to shroud modern American thinking. It is time to ask these questions (posed by the dramatist) in a new way. It is time to pay attention."

The original music is by Christopher Keyes. Elizabeth Keats Dunn is choreographing. Michelle Baecht is doing the costumes.

"After the Fall" previews at 8 p.m. March 1, followed next evening, same time, by the opening night gala. Show plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through April 6 with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on March 10, 17 and 24. Post-show discussion will follow the March 17 performance. No show on March 16.

Preview tickets are \$8. Opening night gala is \$20. After that, tickets are \$15 general; \$10 for seniors, students and Theatre Bay Area members. Call 866-468-3399 or click on www.speakeasyweb.com.

The Speakeasy Theatre is at 2016 Seventh St., Berkeley, just



JACK TUCKER
Community Theater

off University Avenue.

HERE'S A SPOOKY ONE:

How's this for an opening scene attention-grabbing throat-clutcher? The estate in Wales is cloaked in fog. A stranger enters the house and finds a man murdered and his wife standing over him with a gun. The woman is dazed; her confession unconvincing. The unexpected guest decides to help her and blame the murder on an intruder.

The police later discover clues that point to a man who died two years previously.

What follows opens a Pandora's box — what would we do without that nosy woman in Greek mythology whose curiosity got the better of her — letting loose a flock of loves and hates, suspicions and intrigues into the night air.

If you said, "Wow, Agatha Christie could do a lot with that set up!" — take a bow. She already did.

The late Dame Agatha's "The Unexpected Guest" opens at 8 p.m. next Friday at Contra Costa Civic Theatre, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito, and plays two weekends for six performances only through March 10. Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m.; Sundays, March 3 and 10, at 2 p.m.

Tickets for the thriller, one of CCTC's PlayMakers Series, directed by Richard Ryan, are \$8. Call 510-524-9132. For group sales, call 510-524-6654. A cautionary note from the theatre: No children under 5 years, please.

THOSE NUUS ARE BACK:

"Nunsense II — The Second Coming," Dan Goggin's sequel to his hilarious musical romp about the fund-raising Little Sisters of Hoboken, has come and almost "went" from the Alameda Elks Lodge, 2255 Santa Clara Ave., Alameda. But two performances remain — tonight and tomorrow night. Call 510-522-1015 to find out if dinner reservations at 7 p.m. are still available (\$30), or to book a sideline seat without dinner for the show starting at 8 p.m.

This is a presentation of Stagemasters, the inaugural outing for the Alameda Elks



MARIN VAN YOUNG performs the role of "Maggie" in Speakeasy Theatre's production of Arthur Miller's "After the Fall."

Lodge's theatrical organization, formed last December.

If you're familiar with the original "Nunsense," you'll remember Sister Mary Paul. She was the one who was hit on the head with a crucifix, and was known thereafter as Sister Amnesia for obvious reasons.

Well, the money the sisters won in the Publishers' Clearing House Sweepstakes in the first musical is in danger of being spirited away. Complications mount. Will Sister Leo, now on roller skates, and Sister Robert Anne, appearing as Madame Butterfly, be able to take part in the variety show? Then the phone rings; Sister Julia is in jail!

When things look blackest, Sister Mary Paul (amnesia), is once again conked on the head, this time by a birdhouse (a prop for their show), memory returns, the wicked plans are foiled and the sisters give thanks with a rousing gospel finale.

What can I say? AMEN! **HOLDOVER AT THE REP:** Another reprieve: "Culture

Clash in AmeriCCA," originally scheduled to close Sunday, has had its run extended until March 10 by Berkeley Repertory Theatre to accommodate ticket demand.

Not surprising. This very funny show, created and performed by Richard Montoya, Ric Salinas and Herbert Segunza and directed by Tony Taccone, is a trove of old and new nuggets from a trio of some of the sharpest satirical talent around.

Tickets range from \$10 (standing room) to \$54, depending on the day of the week. Call 510-647-2949 or toll-free at 888-4BRTIX.

"Culture Clash in AmeriCCA" plays in the Rep's new Roda Theatre, next door to the thrust stage, at 2015 Addison St., Berkeley.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccitimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

EVENTS

General

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY —

MAIN LIBRARY — John Hatch and Reginald Lockett, Feb. 23, 2 p.m. Hatch, a historical novelist and Oakland resident, will discuss his novel "Mississippi Swamp; Lockett, an Oakland poet, reads from his book "The Party Crashers of Paradise." Presented as part of the African American History Month Celebration.

West Auditorium, 124 14th St. (510) 238-3136.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM AND LIBRARY AT OAKLAND —

Steven Barnes and Tanagerive Due, Feb. 22, 6:30 p.m. The husband and wife writing team who authored "The Lion's Blood" and "The Living Blood," respectively. Part of the February Authors Series in honor of African American History Month.

Colin Channer, Feb. 26, 12:30 p.m. The author presents his sensual novel "Satisfy My Soul."

Elaine Brown, March 1, 6:30 p.m. The former head of the Black Panther Party speaks on her book "The Condemnation of Little B."

659 14th St. (510) 637-0200. **DIMOND BRANCH —** "Internet Workshops," Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. 3565 Fruitvale Ave. (510) 482-7844.

GOLDEN GATE BRANCH — Book Discussion Group, Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m.

Vukani Mawethu Multiracial Choir, Feb. 26, 7 p.m. A program of freedom songs from South Africa as well as gospel, spirituals, and labor and civil rights songs.

5606 San Pablo Ave. (510) 597-5023.

WEST OAKLAND BRANCH — "African American Quilters Workshop and Demonstration," Feb. 23, call for times. Watch and take part in quilt making.

"Chess Workshop for Children," Wednesday, 4 p.m. to 5:20 p.m.

1801 Adeline St. (510) 597-5049.

Free. Oakland. (510) 238-3134 or www.oaklandlibrary.org

CODY'S BOOKSTORES —

TELEGRAPH AVENUE — "The Whole World's Watching," Feb. 22. A panel discussion and presentation of the exhibit catalog that accompanies the documentary photographs comprising "The Whole World's Watching: Peace and Social Justice Moments of the 1960s and 1970s."

David Henry Sterry, Feb. 25. The author discusses "Chicken: Self-Portrait of a Young Man for Rent," a memoir about a teen prostitute servicing women in Hollywood.

Carter Scholz, Feb. 26. The author reads from "Radiance," a novel about the dark desires of the nuclear defense industry. 2454 Telegraph Ave. (510) 845-7852.

FOURTH STREET — Rodney Yee, Feb. 27, 6 p.m. The author talks about his book "Yoga: The Poetry of the Body."

Rosemary Wells, Feb. 28, 7 p.m. The author talks about children, children's books and the importance of reading. 1730 Fourth St. (510) 559-9500.

Free. Readings at 7:30 p.m. unless noted otherwise. Berkeley.

THE STARRY PLOUGH —

"The Berkeley Poetry Slam," Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Poets should arrive at 7:30 p.m. to sign up. The first Wednesday of the month is "Chicken Grease" hosted by Nazelah Jamison and Karen Ladson with spinning by DJ Funklor; all other Wednesdays are "The Berkeley Slam" hosted by Charles Ellik and dani eurynome with music by Three Blind Mice. For ages 21 and over after 10 p.m.

\$5. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. (510) 435-1665.

DISNEY ON ICE —

"Jungle Adventures," closing Feb. 24. Three of Disney's popular animated hits, "The Jungle Book," "Tarzan" and "The Lion King" are brought together in one ice show.

\$12.75 to \$50. Friday, 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Saturday, 11:30 a.m., 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Oakland/Alameda

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For a vampire story, 'Queen' is a bit anemic

By Vera H-C Chan

STAFF WRITER

"Queen of the Damned" tells you what it's like to be a vampire. Actually, it gives you a sense of what it's like to sleep 200 years in a crypt.

Despite blood-sucking, a Goth rock score and even the chilling resurrection of Aaliyah as the title character, this third installment of Anne Rice's "Vampire Chronicles" seems curiously torpid. After the singer's death last August, Warner Bros. had denied rumors that "Queen" would go straight to video. Except for the special effects (not impressive, but you could tell a computer with a lot of memory was used), the pallid story line and predictable emotional pulse have that two-day rental feel.

Expect no references or sense of continuity with the 1994 "Interview With the Vampire." Lestat (Stuart Townsend) has been slumbering bored and lonely in his crypt since the 18th century, until the music of a Goth rock band awakens him to the possibilities of joining the human race again. "I am the Vampire Lestat," he announces, and everyone plays along with what seems to be a gimmick (despite his ability to fly on-stage without wires).

Instead of skulking in the shadows, he becomes a postmodern god among men, or at least among Goth groupies, much to the ire of his secretive brethern. (Imagine what this film would have been like if he were awakened by new country, disco or heavy metal — vampires with mullets.)

Speaking of groupies, a woman named Jessie who works with the Center for Paranormal Studies in London becomes fas-



STUART TOWNSEND and Aaliyah play vampires Lestat and the ancient Egyptian queen Akasha in "Queen of the Damned."

cinated with Lestat. She reads his 18th-century journal, an awkward device used for a film flashback to Lestat narrating his conversion from man to immortal thanks to Marius (Vincent Perez). The flashback also makes the first reference to the ancient Egyptian queen Akasha (Aaliyah), entombed in a marble crypt and almost awakened by Lestat's passionate fiddling.

Jessie's obsession leads her to a local vampire bar, where she foolishly gets into trouble. However, she manages to meet up with Lestat and purports to understand the sneering night-stalker. Jessie recognizes his out-

REVIEW

- **WHAT:** "Queen of the Damned"
- **STARRING:** Stuart Townsend, Vincent Perez, Aaliyah
- **RATING:** R (language, gore, sexuality)
- **RUNNING TIME:** 1 hour, 41 minutes
- **WHERE:** Opens today at area theaters
- **GRADE:** C

ing of vampiric codes of behavior — which has earned the deadly ire of his infuriated coven — as an act born of arrogance,

desolation and a death wish.

In the meantime, his music has fully awakened the queen and Mother of all Vampires. She and her former king had nearly sucked Egypt dry, and she can rip out hearts and turn vampires to burnt toast in seconds. More than Lestat's needy adolescent ego, Akasha strikes fear into the hearts of the older vampires such as Marius, as her insatiable thirst will ultimately destroy everyone.

If someone had a chance to ask Aaliyah "Is this really the last movie you ever want to make?" she might have been satisfied to

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KTUV anchor's
those call in his
SUV

VALLED CHANNEL 2 anchor Dennis Richmond a few days ago to tell him his voice (from KTUV's news voice) was used in the opening minute of the "The Hidden History of the SUV" was a eye-opening (and angering) investigation that detailed the dangers of the popular but gas-guzzling SUVs. The unpublished PBS report showed in detail how the government has resisted any attempt to make SUV's safer (they're rolling over at the astounding rate of 70,000 a year, and it's nothing to do with Firestone tires) or to improve their gas mileage.

"It's funny you should mention," said Richmond, a bit testily. "Because I was recently nearly in an SUV driver myself."

Richmond explained he'd been leaving his weekend home near Grass Valley when his wife just after a snowstorm earlier this month, driving his Cadillac Escalade. "I was in a spin when one tire was barely off the snow-covered road," said the KTUV woman, "mostly because I didn't have the four-wheel drive on. We did two 360's. My wife was terrified."

Richmond's vehicle headed into an embankment. "If we hadn't been facing forward, it probably would have rolled," said the Channel 2 newsmen, "the SUV ended up in a field, amazingly snowbound. But the unflappable Richmond says that despite this accident, he has no intention of trading-in his SUV, say-soon. "We all take risks in it," he added, "My wife got the phone to Triple-A to tow the car out of the field, but it wasn't necessary. I used four-wheel drive to go right through that snow and back up onto the highway. Piece of cake."

MEDIA NOTES: It's 0-for-3 the "Seinfeld" gang: First-ly Jerry sidekick Julia Louis-Dreyfus has a new NBC show premiering Tuesday, "Seinfeld: The Movie." It's a frenetic comedy and will make many viewers a nervous wreck. The show's biggest weakness? Its writing. And the show's writer happens to be Dreyfus' husband, one-time "SNL" regular and NBC should invoke anti-nepotism policy: Dreyfus' real-life sister also plays a prominent sibling on her disappearing new show.

Much worse: Another new sitcom next week, the "Leap of Faith," heavily promoted during the Olympics. Premieres Thursday in TV's best time slot — between "Friends" and "Will & Grace."

"Leap" is a second-rate knock-off of the smutty "Sex in the City" and is written and produced by the same trashy writer who writes "Sex." This embarrassment is filled with juvenile sexual double entendres than even "Will & Grace." One TV critic who will probably agree about both is NBC rookie shows is the network's first-rate TV writer, Tom Carman. A recent Chicago Tribune piece reported Carman is retiring, and Chronicle sources confirm that the talented and funny TV critic may be taking the paper's current action-reducing buyout offer.

Tacky, tacky: That French dancing couple's cloying "I Have a Dream" speech in their winning routine at Salt Lake this week. Just as tacky: Rev. King's tackily charging royalties for his "I Have a Dream" historic speech, as announced by "60 Minutes."

Worst Olympic TV commercial: Hands down, the one for that annoying adolescent drooling over a lovely figure skater. *Mon dieu, l'aristocrate, c'est tres stupide* — time again for U.S. commentators (and agencies) to make fun of (and I'm kidding) as a sportswriter in

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NOW PLAYING

Below are capsule reviews of movies playing at area theaters. The reviewers are Vera H-C Chan and Mary F. Pols. Times; Robert W. Butler, Knight Ridder Newspapers; Anthony Breznican, Christy Lemire, Tim Molloy and Sheila Norman-Culp, Associated Press; Stephen Holden, Dave Kehr, Elise Mitchell, A.O. Scott and Lawrence Van Gelder, New York Times; Valerie Kukienski, Bob Strauss and Glenn Whipp, Los Angeles Daily News; Kevin Thomas, Los Angeles Times; Gary Dowell, Tom Mastrand and Chris Vogner, Dallas Morning News; and Roger Moore, Orlando Sentinel.

"AMERICAN ADOBO": Everybody who makes an immigrant-adjustment movie undoubtedly thinks that they're providing unique insights into a singularly dramatic experience. This film is the Filipino version. The cast of characters consists of five old college friends from Manila, all of whom live in varying degrees of comfort in New York City. Personal crises abound and boil over clumsily to staged revelations about dating partners and pat generational misunderstandings. The film often seems superficial and awkward; on the other hand, the actors, with their conversations that

slip fluidly between English and Tagalog, lend palpable authenticity to their characterizations. — B. Strauss. (R: nudity, sex, language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. C+

"A BEAUTIFUL MIND": Very good by-the-book filmmaking from director Ron Howard. The film spans 47 years in the life of John Forbes Nash Jr. (Russell Crowe), a mathematical genius who won the Nobel Prize for economics in 1994. Doubtless the element that made Crowe want to play Nash (brilliantly, as usual) is that Nash also suffers from schizophrenia, and has for decades. Daring only in its subject matter — math and mental illness — the movie follows the careful trajectory of a classic inspirational story, occasionally veering into the medicinal, but still undeniably moving and effective. Jennifer Connelly is excellent as Nash's wife. — M. Pols. (PG-13: intense thematic material, sexual content and a scene of violence.) 2 hours, 8 minutes. B+

"BEIJING BICYCLE": Bicycles are as synonymous with Beijing as cabs are with Manhattan, and when the hero, Guei (Cui Lin), of this superb and harrowing film, joins the swarm of cyclists

who crowd the city's streets, he stands for countless young people who have made the journey from the country to China's capital in search of a better life. Guei considers himself lucky. He has landed a messenger job that provides him with a mountain bike that will become his once he has earned 700 yuan, which is about \$85 American. But the story takes off in earnest when the bike is stolen and his only chance of keeping his job is to find the bike. What emerges is a portrait of modern urban life at its most brutalizing. From start to finish, "Beijing Bicycle" moves adroitly with the emotional impact of a relentless steamroller. — K. Thomas. (PG-13: some violence and brief nudity.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. A-

"BIG FAT LIAR": Frankie Muniz plays Jason, a 14-year-old who can't tell the truth. Inspiration strikes when his father complains of his "God-given talent" for making up lies, so he writes a short story on a big fat liar for a homework assignment. By chance, he collides with an obnoxious Hollywood producer on the way to deliver this assignment. The producer (Paul Giamatti), starved for a hit, swipes the story and puts it into preproduction. Jason has lost his assignment, and his

excuse is an unbelievable whopper. Jason and his sole pal, Kaylee (Amanda Bynes), set out to get an apology or, failing that, revenge. The film is predictable and overly reliant on the far-fetched, but no lie, it's the hippest kids movie since "Spy Kids." — R. Moore. (PG: some language.) 1 hour, 27 minutes. B-

"BIRTHDAY GIRL": A minor dark comedy with a major star. Nicole Kidman can now add a credible rendition of a sultry Russian to her impressive résumé. "Birthday Girl" won't withstand the test of time, but the plot is unpredictable enough and Kidman is strong enough to keep your attention focused. John (Ben Chaplin) has a stable job and a stable life until he orders a Russian mail-order bride (Kidman) off the Internet. Her inability to speak English means their courtship has communication problems, except for in the bedroom. Then Nadia's cousins arrive for her birthday, all hell breaks loose and we head into "Something Wild" territory. — M. Pols. (R: sexuality and language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. B-

"BLACK HAWK DOWN": Director Ridley Scott takes an unflinching look at a 1993 conflict — a planned 45-minute "extraction" of a Somali warlord's top men — that instead became a blood bath that killed 19 Americans and an estimated 1,000 Somalis. Co-starring in a large cast including Ewan McGregor and Sam Shepard, Josh Hartnett as Rangers Staff Sergeant Matt Evermann is not so much the leading man as the terribly involved observer through which the audience becomes terribly involved itself. The riveting photography, technical language and pounding exchange of gunfire contribute to a gruesome realism without sensationalizing it. — V. Chan. (R: strong violence, language.) 2 hours, 23 minutes. A-

"CHOP SUEY": The celebrated fashion and figure photographer Bruce Weber, whose studies of young men romping naked in the wilderness established a new category of all-American homoeroticism, has created an eccentric, highly personal guided tour of some of his favorite people, places and things. The film is an exercise in free association. Its only unity embraces Midwestern wrestler and model Peter Johnson, legendary lounge singer Frances Faye, elderly British adventurer Sir Wilfred Thesiger and two conspicuous creatures billed as Hoots the Poodle and Tara the Elephant. Weber proves to be an able docent and an entertaining raconteur, equally at home analyzing compositions and telling anecdotes about Elizabeth Taylor. — D. Kehr. (NR) 1 hour, 38 minutes. B

"COLLATERAL DAMAGE": Revenge porn starring Arnold Schwarzenegger as a firefighter who watches his wife and small child die in a terrorist bomb-

OPENING TODAY

"DRAGONFLY" (PG-13)
Kevin Costner plays a man who believes his dead wife is trying to communicate with him from beyond the grave.

"QUEEN OF THE DAMNED" (R)
The vampire Lestat rises again, this time played by Stuart Townsend in-

ing at an L.A. high-rise, then heads to Colombia to find the man responsible. Originally due in theaters in early fall, but deemed inappropriate entertainment fare after Sept. 11. There were even murmurs it would never be released. What a good and honorable decision that would have been. Enter at your own risk. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language.) 1 hour, 55 minutes. D

"THE COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO": In this version of Alexandre Dumas' classic 1846 saga, revenge is not merely sweet, but also picturesque and exciting. When first seen, Edmond Dantes (Jim Caviezel) is sweet, trusting and naive. Ferrand Monod (Guy Pearce) lusts after Edmond's fiancée, Mercedes (Dagmara Dominczyk), and engineers a plan to frame his friend for treason. The shattered Edmond is sentenced to a notorious island prison where he spends 13 years. With the help of another inmate, the Abbe Faria (Richard Harris), he daringly escapes prison, reinvents himself as the mysterious Count of Monte Cristo and extracts revenge from his surprised enemies. — P. Wuntch. (PG-13: violence, language, sensuality.) 2 hours. B

"CROSSROADS": Notable only as Britney Spears' acting debut. It's bad, but certainly not without merit as entertainment. Spears plays Lucy, high school valedictorian and goody-two-shoes, who sets out on a cross-country road trip with two childhood friends, the witchy Kit (Zoe Saldana) and forlornly pregnant Mimi (Taryn Manning, seemingly doomed to play trashy teens forever). The main goal of the trip seems to be to loosen up Lucy, a task that mostly fails to their hunky driver, an ex-con named Ben (Anson Mount) who looks a deamsy, but inappropriate, 30. — M. Pols. (PG-13: Sexual content, brief teen drinking.) 1 hour, 34 minutes. C-

"THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE RING": A soulful, passionate giant of a movie, one that will live long past 2001. New Zealand director Peter Jackson's ("Heavenly Creatures") adaptation of the first third of J.R.R. Tolkien's epic "Lord of the Rings" enraptures you with its dramatic storytelling and visuals and leaves you rejoicing that there are filmmakers out there who have the

stead of Tom Cruise. He is the ancient queen of the Akasha (Aaliyah). Based on Rice's "Vampire Chronicles."

"SEX WITH STRANGERS"
A documentary about a young lifestyle, featuring couples who swap sexual

guts to make a movie. A vast commercial and intelligent and fascinating. Terrifying when it comes to Tolkien's vision, one of the best movies of the year. 13: epic battle sequences (images.) 2 hours, 58 minutes.

"GOSFORD PARK": Thriller or tights in this coming from director Robert Altman. No mistake, this is a Tolstian's vision, one of the best movies of the year. 13: epic battle sequences (images.) 2 hours, 58 minutes.

"HART'S WAR": In this World War II camp melodrama, Capt. Tom Hart, a Yale law student, is a comfortable job due to his man father's pull. But when

FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

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Showtimes for Friday February 22

Alameda County

Act 1 and 2

2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
● **In the Bedroom** (R) 6:30, 9:30
● **Monster's Ball** (R) 7, 9:45

Albany Twin

1115 Shattuck Ave., Albany 510-843-3456
● **Amelie** (R) 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30
● **Gosford Park** (R) 1, 4, 7, 10

California Theatre

2113 Kropf St., Berkeley 510-843-3456
● **Theatre Trip: Closed for Earthquake Retrofit.**

Century 16 Bayfair Mall

350 Bayfair Mall, San Leandro 510-276-5694
● **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:15, 10:20

● **Walk to Remember** (PG) 12:05, 2:30, 5:05
● **Big Fat Liar** (PG) 11:30, 1:45, 3:55, 6:15, 8:25, 10:35

● **Collateral Damage** (R) 11:40, 2:20, 5, 7:45, 10:25
● **Crossroads** (PG-13) 12:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:45

● **Dragonfly** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:20, 10:05
● **Hart's War** (R) 11:35, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35

● **John Q** (PG-13) 12:50, 3:40, 4:40, 6:30, 9:30, 9:20, 10:15
● **Monster's Ball** (R) 12, 2:35, 5:10, 7:40, 10:15

● **Queen of the Damned** (R) 11:40, 12:40, 2:15, 3:15, 4:50, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30, 10:15
● **Return to Never Land** (G) 11:30, 1:40, 3:50, 6:10, 8:10, 10:20

● **Rollerball** (PG-13) 7:25, 9:45
● **Snow Dogs** (PG) 11:35, 2, 4:30

● **Super Troopers** (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55
● **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:45, 6:55, 9:40

● **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 1:10, 4:10, 7:10, 10:10
● **The Mohman Prophecies** (PG-13) 7, 9:25

Century 25 Union City at Union Landing

122100 Alameda Blvd., Union City 510-487-5593
● **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:30, 7:05, 9:55

● **A Walk to Remember** (PG) 11:15, 1:30, 3:50
● **Amelie** (R) 11:45, 2:30, 5:15, 8, 10:45

● **Big Fat Liar** (PG) 11:40, 1:55, 4:10, 6:25, 8:35, 10:45
● **Black Hawk Down** (R) 12:50, 3:55, 7:35, 10:40

● **Collateral Damage** (R) 11:20, 2:45, 5:30, 8:10, 10, 10:45
● **Crossroads** (PG-13) 11:55, 12:45, 1:50, 3:05, 4:05, 5:25, 7:10, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30, 11:45

● **Dragonfly** (PG-13) 11:45, 2:15, 4:50, 7:30, 10:05
● **Gosford Park** (R) 1, 4, 7

● **Hart's War** (R) 11:25, 2:20, 5:05, 7:50, 10:35
● **Am Sam** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:20, 7:20, 10:15

● **In the Bedroom** (R) 12:30, 3:35, 6:50, 9:55
● **John Q** (PG-13) 11:30, 12:45, 2:15, 3:30, 4:20, 5, 6:20, 7:05, 8, 9:05, 9:50, 10:40, 11:45

● **Monster's Ball** (R) 11:25, 2, 4:35, 7:10, 9:40, 12:05
● **Queen of the Damned** (R) 11:15, 12, 1:45, 2:40, 4:30, 5:20, 6:15, 7:15, 8:05, 9, 9:45, 10:35, 11:25, 12

● **Return to Never Land** (G) 11:30, 1:35, 3:40, 5:50, 7:55, 10, 12
● **Rollerball** (PG-13) 11:20, 1:40, 4:40, 7:40, 10:15

● **Snow Dogs** (PG) 11:35, 2
● **Super Troopers** (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:05, 12:15

● **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) 12:55, 3:50, 7:25, 10:25
● **The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring** (PG-13) 12:20, 4, 7:45, 11:25

● **The Mohman Prophecies** (PG-13) 11:55, 2:30, 5:05, 7:50, 10:20

Chabot Cinema

2853 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 510-682-2555
● **Return to Never Land** (G) 1, 3, 5, 7, 8:45

Chabot Space & Science Center

10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
● **Mysteries of Egypt** (Not Rated) 1, 7:30

● **The Living Sea** (Not Rated) 11:30, 3:30, 8:30
● **To Be An Astronaut** (Not Rated) 10:30

Elmwood 3

2988 College Ave., Berkeley 510-649-0530
● **Bread and Roses** (R) 4:30, 9:15

● **Endurance** (G) 7
● **Kandahar** (Not Rated) 5:30, 7:15

● **Mulholland Drive** (R) 9
● **The Man Who Wasn't There** (R) 4:35, 7, 9:20

Fine Arts Cinema

2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
● **Kiss of the Spider Woman** (Not Rated) 9:15

● **That Obscure Object of Desire** (NR) 7:15

Renaissance Grand Lake

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 510-452-3556
● **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:40

● **Queen of the Damned** (R) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
● **Count of Monte Cristo** 12:15, 3:15, 6:30, 9:15

● **The Lord of the Rings** (PG-13) 12, 4, 8

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320

● **Big Fat Liar** (PG) 11:45, 2:15, 4:45, 7:40, 10, 10:25
● **Crossroads** 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:50

● **Dragonfly** 11:10, 2:05, 4:50, 7:20, 10:05
● **Hart's War** (R) 12:45, 3:45, 6:50, 9:45

● **John Q** (PG-13) 11, 1:50, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20
● **Monster's Ball** (R) 11:35, 2:10, 5, 7:35, 10:10

● **Queen of the Damned** 11:25, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:30
● **Return to Never Land** (G) 11:05, 1:05, 3:05, 5:05, 7:05, 9:05

● **Super Troopers** 12:10, 2:40, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15

Hayward 9

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 510-785-8000
● **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 12:40, 3:50, 7, 9:50

● **Big Fat Liar** (PG) 12, 2:20, 4:30, 7:20, 9:30
● **Black Hawk Down** (R) 12:10, 3:45, 7, 10:15

● **Collateral Damage** 11:30, 2:10, 4:40, 7:40, 10:10
● **Gosford Park** (R) 12:30, 4, 7:10, 10

● **Am Sam** (PG-13) 12:50, 2, 4:45, 7:35
● **In the Bedroom** (R) 12:50, 4:20, 7:30, 10:10

● **Rollerball** (PG-13) 10:20
● **Super Troopers** (R) 11:40, 2, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

● **The Lord of the Rings** (PG-13) 12:20, 4:10, 6, 8, 10, 12

Nazoo 8 Cinemas

3940 Argonaut Way, Fremont 510-797-2000
● **Amelie** (NR) 5, 7, 9, 11

● **Kandahar** (Not Rated) 5, 7, 9
● **Kandahar** (Not Rated) 5, 7, 9, 11

● **Turk 182** (NR) 5, 7, 9, 11, 12

Renaissance Oaks Theatre

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 510-526-1836
● **Am Sam** (PG-13) 7, 9:30

● **Return to Never Land** (G) 6, 7:35, 9:10

Piedmont Theatre

4186 Piedmont Avenue, Oakland 510-843-3456
● **Amelie** (R) 1, 3:45, 6:30, 9:15

● **Gosford Park** (R) 1:15, 4, 6:45, 9:30
● **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas

2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456
● **Beijing Bicycle** (PG-13) 5

● **Big Fat Liar** (PG) 2:25, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30
● **Chop Suey** (Not Rated) 2:30, 4:50, 7:10, 9:25

● **Crossroads** (PG-13) 2, 4:20, 7:30, 9:50
● **Italian for Beginners** (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7, 9:35

● **John Q** (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
● **Lantana** (R) 1:10, 3:50, 6:30, 9:10

● **Queen of the Damned** (R) 2:15, 4:35, 7:40, 10
● **Storytelling** (R) 1:05, 3:05, 7:20, 9:20

● **The Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 6:55, 9:40
● **The Royal Tenenbaums** (R) 1:50, 4:25, 6:45, 9:15

United Artists Berkeley

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1487
● **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 11:45, 3, 7:30, 10:25

● **Black Hawk Down** (R) 12, 3:30, 7:05, 10:20
● **Brotherhood of the Wolf** 12:15, 3:45, 7:35, 10:40

● **Dragonfly** (PG-13) 11:10, 2, 5, 8, 10:45
● **Hart's War** (R) 11:05, 1:55, 4:45, 7:45, 10:50

● **Super Troopers** (R) 11:30, 2:15, 4:35, 7:15, 10
● **Lord of the Rings** (PG-13) 11, 2:45, 7, 10:30

United Artists Emery Bay 10

6330 Christie, Emeryville 510-429-9107
● **A Beautiful Mind** 10:50, 1:45, 4:40, 7:40, 10:40

● **Collateral Damage** (R) 11, 1:40, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50, 12:30
● **Crossroads** 11, 1:15, 3:30, 5:45, 8, 10:15

● **John Q** 10:50, 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:45, 12:30
● **Queen of the Damned** (R) 11:15, 2, 4:50, 7:45, 10:30, 12:30

● **Super Troopers** 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:15, 12:30

United Artists Hayward 6

24800 Hesperian, Hayward 510-788-3000
● **Crossroads** 12:15, 2:30, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

● **Dragonfly** 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:15
● **Hart's War** (R) 1:45, 4:45, 7:40, 10:20

● **John Q** (PG-13) 1:20, 4:20, 7:20, 10:10
● **Queen of the Damned** 12:05, 2:35, 5, 7:30, 10

● **Return to Never Land** (G) 12:45, 2:40, 4:50, 7, 9:20

Central Contra Costa

4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
● **A Beautiful Mind** (PG-13) 6:30, 9:15

● **Amelie** (R) 6:15, 8:45
● **Gosford Park** (R) 7, 9:45

Renaissance Park Theatre

3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997
● **In the Bedroom** (R) 7, 9:35

Rheem Theatre

350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
● **John Q** (PG-13) 1:40, 4:40, 7:10, 9:30

● **Queen of the Damned** (R) 4:30, 7:30, 9:45
● **Return to Never Land** (G) 5, 7:20, 9:40

● **Count of Monte Cristo** (PG-13) 4:15, 7, 9:25

San Francisco

Queen

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in the Jet Li action film "The Mummy 2". Much of her screen time (she doesn't appear until almost halfway through the film) is divided between walking sinuously in an Egyptian gown and sinking teeth into body parts and organs. When she's laughing, she's screaming, "Why

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man trying to hold onto his daughter (Dakota Fanning) through the courts say she'd be off with a "normal" foster family. Michelle Pfeiffer, playing the brilliant lawyer who learns a life lesson in trying to help him. But neither can overcome the

"THE BEDROOM": A beautifully written and acted movie about guilt, blame and loss, set in a small seaside town in Maine. Sissy Spacek and Tom Wilkinson star as a couple whose lives change after their 12-year-old son (Max Stahl) gets involved in a potentially dangerous relationship. Spacek will almost certainly get an Oscar nomination for her unflinchingly powerful performance, and first-time director Todd Field has made a name for himself. **B**. — M. Pols. (R: some violence and language.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. A

"THE MOTHMAN PROPHECIES": The movie's basic concept has been taken from John A. Keel's nonfiction book of the same name. It recounts how, in the year or so leading up to a horrendous bridge collapse over the Ohio River in 1967, many residents of a town reported sightings from a giant, moath-like creature. In the film — which is better at creating an unsettling atmosphere than at giving the viewer a clear notion of what's going on — the strange circumstance surrounding the death of his wife leads modern-day reporter John Klein (Richard Gere) to investigate strange goings-on in a town 400 miles away. Laura Linney and Debra Messing co-star in this supernatural thriller. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: violence, language, sex.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. C+

"MULHOLLAND DR.": At the end of this mind-trip, all you can do is laugh. David Lynch has once again led us on a merry dance through a minefield littered with freaks, apple-pie moments we can't trust, terrifying weirdoes and puzzling, possibly pointless scenes. A beautiful amnesiac and a cheery, innocent ingenue set out to solve a mystery. Then they become different people. Chances are it's all a dream, or at least half a dream. Lynch probably won't win himself any new fans with this one, but old ones will enjoy this excursion into his creative mind. — M. Pols. (R: violence, language and some strong sexuality.) 2 hours, 26 minutes. B+

"NO MAN'S LAND": Two wounded soldiers — one a Bosnian, Ciki (Branko Djuric); the other a Serb, Nino (Rene Bitorajac) — trapped in a trench midway between opposing enemy lines, argue about which side started the war. Their power struggle is complicated when Cera (Filip Sovagovic), a comatose of Ciki's who was presumed dead, stirs to life. His body was placed on a mine. If Cera is moved, Ciki and Nino will be killed along with him. Cera's only hope is that an expert can be found to deactivate the mine. Ciki and Nino's only hope lies in teamwork. They stagger out of the trench together waving white flags, and soon the wounded soldiers find themselves the helpless pawns of bureaucrats and media companies promoting their own agendas. Written and directed by Danis Tanovic, a documentary filmmaker, the movie presents a view of war that's grimly realistic. — S. Holden. (R: scenes of violence and some strong language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. A

"PINERO": Benjamin Bratt resurrects the spirit of Puerto Rican playwright, poet and actor Miguel Piñero. Leon Leanos, who directed and wrote the screenplay, has constructed a movie that is more montage than narrative as it flashes back and forth between color and black-and-white and jumps around in time. The screenplay is meticulously free of moralizing, and although Piñero fits the cliché of a charismatic damned poet, the movie's mythmaking machinery doesn't go overboard. Even while depicting Piñero's squandering of his own talent, Bratt's portrayal retains a layer of sinuous craftiness. — S. Holden. (R: drug use, strong language, sexuality.) 1 hour, 43 minutes. B

"RETURN TO NEVER LAND": James M. Barrie, who died in 1937, never knew the London depicted in Disney's new animated sequel to his beloved "Peter Pan." The streets have been pockmarked by German bombs, and air-raid sirens wail. The original story's central character, Wendy, now is married with children of her own. Her serious-minded daughter, Jane, is whisked away to Never Land, not by Peter Pan, but by the evil Captain Hook, who believes he has custody of Peter's old chum Wendy. Was it right for Disney to tinker with Barrie's story? Maybe not. The most important question is: Is it decent family entertainment? Yes. — V. Kulkarni. (G) 1 hour, 12 minutes. C+

won't you die?" The creepiness factor multiplies when you realize that she's not always speaking with her own voice: In some outdoor scenes, it's a composite of Aaliyah and brother Rashad Houghton, who stepped in to dub some lines.

"Queen" had a lot of possibilities: maybe Lestat growing to embrace 21st-century liberality instead of slyly using it (vampires love double-entendres), looking at how far a Goth rock culture will go, or the irony of a vampire

tantly, why we can't give up on the struggle. — K. Turan. (R: language and sexuality.) 2 hours. A-

"THE MAN WHO WASN'T THERE": Ethan and Joel Coen's chilly black-and-white homage to film noir plays out like a creative ruse, the kind of experimentation artists indulge in once the bills are paid. Billy Bob Thornton is fascinating to watch as a late 1940s barber who makes the mistake of blackmailing his wife's lover (James Gandolfini) to get the capital to invest in a dry cleaning business. With its fantastically cool look and dry wit, this is distinctly Coen brothers fare, but if you compare it to their best work, it feels more like an itch the brothers needed to scratch than, say, a "Fargo." Of course, with them, even an itch is going to be entertaining. — M. Pols. (R: a scene of violence.) 1 hour, 56 minutes. B

"MONSTER'S BALL": Loneliness hangs over the first half of director Marc Forster's movie like a sheet of rain: the loneliness of a single mother (Halle Berry), of a man going to the electric chair (Sean Combs) and a friendless racist who has just realized he has nothing to live for (Billy Bob Thornton). Berry and Thornton are both outstanding as a pair of unlikely lovers. A bleak and beautiful movie, and while the rain never stops, it does ease up, offering one of the most delicately redemptive stories we've seen since "Dead Man Walking." — M. Pols. (R: strong sexual content, language, violence.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A

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Instead, we're treated to all this angst about living forever but not really living, and how rabid adoration doesn't quite cut it. It's not delivered with a lot of suspense or passion, and certainly not worth burning an after-image of a sharp-toothed Aaliyah licking fake blood from her lips.

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futureism and most of the social satire. What we're left with is "American Gladiators" on steroids. The bland Chris Klein plays Jonathan, a hockey hopeful who gets his kicks riding roller luge through the streets of San Francisco. His pal, Ridley (LL Cool J), talks him into joining him on the tracks of the new and violent sport of Rollerball. An evil robber baron (Jean Reno) aims to get a U.S. cable deal by upping the violence. — R. Moore. (PG-13: violence, extreme-sports action, sensuality, language and some drug references.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. D

"THE ROYAL TENENBAUMS": There's such an ironic distance to director Wes Anderson's playful, highly stylized movie about a family of failed, alienated geniuses that it's like watching a cinematic version of the eccentric literary quarterly McSweeney's, something exquisitely crafted for maximum cleverness. What saves it from being gag-me precious is the fact that Anderson also has a tender heart to go along with his fetish for detail and eye for the absurd. Amid all the movie's mannerisms are some truisms about family that knock you for an unexpectedly emotional loop. All the performances are delightful, but Gene Hackman, as the Tenenbaums rascal of a patriarch, is unforgettable. — M. Pols. (R: some language, sexuality/nudity and drug content.) 1 hour, 48 minutes. A-

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Canada and covered such big curling events as the — get ready to laugh — Lady Tweedsmuir Open (seriously). And the biggest curling events (called bonspiels) are such a big deal in Canada that cars — and sometimes even houses — are given away as prizes, eh?

Speaking of our northern neighbors, although I liked the film, the producers of "The Shipping News," which I finally attended, deserve to be dipped in a big vat of maple syrup (sirop d'erable) for expunging everything that is identifiably Canadian from the Newfoundland-based film, which could have easily been shot in Maine. Not one "eh" in two hours? On this matter, you'd never know from NBC's Olympics coverage that a lot of other languages besides our own are being heard this week in (of all places) Utah.

I liked this clever turn of phrase in one recent Maureen Dowd column in the NY Times. Referring to reclusive V.P. Dick Cheney, Dowd observed: "The Axis of Evil has become the evil of access." ... Speaking of columnists, it's hard to disagree with former Hills (and ex-Chron) sports scribe Lowell Cohn, now writing for the Santa Rosa daily. About Raider owner Al Davis' odd press conference earlier this week — at which there was more spinning than you'd see at your health

club — Cohn wrote that Al's saying the Raiders "got a good deal" from Tampa for letting coach Jon Gruden go was "a lie." Cohn: "It's too bad a big neon sign wasn't flashing over Davis' head at the press conference, one that read 'YOU JUST LOST JON GRUDEN!'" (Cohn's caps). Losing the capable and charismatic Gruden, who was a great fit here, can only damage the Raiders' already-shaky attendance. Bad move, Al.

Hills reader Dave Barry e-mails that he got a kick out of his local cable company (or was it TNN?) running a bizarre ad on that network's pro-rasslin' show "Raw" this week. "At 10:43," Barry says, "an NBC-3 ad ran, reminding viewers to catch dance skating on the Olympics at 7:30 tonight. Well, that certainly was ad money well spent." Barry also informs me that Jim Jorgensen's worthy local investment show, one that's run on local radio for years, is the latest casualty of the money-saving automation moves at KABL — the same ones that removed another pro, Piedmont's Mike Cleary, from his daily shift. The good/bad news is that "The Jorgensens on Money" with hosts Jim Jorgensen and Rich Jorgensen now airs (in abbreviated form) on KYCY (1550 AM) Sunday mornings from 8-9. Producer Barry says the entire, nationally syndicated three-hour program (8-11 am) can be heard on Yahoo! Broadcast. The problem is that KYCY, aka

"Yadda Yadda Radio," which is used as a dumping ground for Westwood One radio garbage (G. Gordon Liddy, Tom Leykis, etc.) that no one else will carry here, has a terrible signal because of the worst dial position in radio.

It's open season on Enron and corporate duplicity. The current New Yorker has a great cartoon of a CEO wondering aloud, "What would Satan do?"

Clarification of last week's item: KRON is now eligible to become part of a duopoly (i.e., it can be paired with another local station) because it's no longer one of the top four stations in this market. I now hear the most likely suitor is Disney, which owns "ABC-7." Two years ago, who would have believed that KGO-TV could buy powerful rival KRON? Let's just hope that if it does happen, recently demoted (to weekends) KGO robo-anchor Dan Noyes isn't shipped to KRON's already demoralized but still worthy news shop.

Finally, knowing comic Robin Williams' propensity for "borrowing" other Bay Area comics' material, I have my doubts that this memorable line in last week's New York Times Sunday magazine profile is his coinage, but it's a good turn of phrase nonetheless. Williams referred to "Enron Hubbard" and "the church of profitology."

(Questions? Comments? E-mail Bill: Newsman@sonic.net.)

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County Arena, Hegenberger Road and Interstate Highway 880, Oakland. (510) 762-2277 or (415) 421-TIXS or (707) 528-TIXS.

PARAMOUNT MOVIE CLASSICS SERIES — ongoing. The evening includes a classic movie, walk-in music from the Wurlitzer organ, a newsreel, cartoon, movie previews and the Paramount's prize give-away game "Dec-O-Win." Doors open at 7 p.m. to allow attendees a chance to get a glass of wine before the show.

"North by Northwest" (1959), March 1, 8 p.m. The Alfred Hitchcock espionage thriller starring Cary Grant and Eva Marie-Saint. \$5. 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-6400 or (925) 762-2277.

PACIFIC FILM ARCHIVE — "Human Rights Watch," Feb. 22 through Feb. 24. A presentation of nine challenging, provocative films capable of creating forums for discussion in communities around the Bay Area.

\$7 general; \$4.50 seniors, disabled persons and children ages 12 and under. 2575 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-1412.

GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION —

"From Camels to Slaves: How Evidence from the Ancient Near East Sheds Light on the Bible" Feb. 22, 12:30 p.m. An evangelical round table discussion. Bring your lunch.

Free. Dinner Board Room, Flora Lamson Hewlett Library, 2400 Ridge Road, Berkeley. www.gtu.edu/StudServ/TRES

LITERATURE WITHOUT BORDERS —

"An Evening of Poetry and Prose," Feb. 22, 5:30 p.m. Well-known and emerging authors read in a free-flowing round robin style. A reception and book-signing will follow.

Free. Pot Arts, 461 Ninth St., Oakland. (510) 525-3948.

WEST COAST LIVE — Join the studio audience as Sedge Thomson hosts musical guests, authors and others for his live radio broadcast.

Feb. 23: Guests include Cynthia Heimel, author of the classic bestseller "Sex Tips For Girls" and The Bobs, an a cappella art band.

\$12. Freight and Salvage, 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. (415) 664-9500 or www.wcl.org

GOLDEN GATE GEOGRAPHIC SOCIETY TRAVEL FILM SERIES —

"Iceland!" Enjoy the wonders of Iceland's birdlife, waterfalls, geysers, active volcanoes and the island nation's capital, Reykjavik.

March 2, 2 p.m.: At Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland.

\$9 general; \$4.50 youths age 14 and under. (800) 247-GGGS.

OAKLAND MUSEUM WOMEN'S BOARD — "42nd Annual White Ele-

phant Sale," March 2 and March 3. Featuring new and slightly used sale items donated and sold at bargain prices, including art, antiques, books, clothing, shoes, furniture, household items and more.

Free. Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Oakland Estuary, 333 Lancaster St., Oakland. (510) 536-6800.

Tours and Activities

BAY AREA RAIL TRAILS — A network of trails converted from unused railway corridors.

SHEPHERD CANYON TRAIL — A 3-mile paved trail converted from the Sacramento Northern Rail line. The tree-lined trail is gently sloping and generally follows Shepherd Canyon Road. Suitable for walkers and cyclists. Begins in Montclair Village behind McCaulou's Department Store on Medaua Place and ends at Paso Robles Drive, Oakland. (510) 238-7275.

BERKELEY CITY CLUB TOURS — Guided tours through Berkeley's City Club, a landmark building designed by architect Julia Morgan, designer of Hearst Castle.

\$2. The fourth Sunday of every month between noon and 4 p.m. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. (510) 848-7800.

CALDECOTT TUNNEL

TOUR — Take a walking tour through the giant ventilation ducts that run above the bores of the Caldecott Tunnel and learn the intricacies of running a tunnel system. See the jet-engine size fans pump fresh air into the tunnels at more than 50 miles per hour and visit the Control Station where crewmembers monitor the tunnels. The two-hour tour in-

cludes a movie on how the tunnels were built and an opportunity to watch the lane switch. Tours for six or more people. Reservations required. Ask for Ray or Sherman to make a reservation.

Free. Wednesday through Saturday, 9 a.m. Caldecott Tunnel, state Highway 24, Oakland. (510) 286-0315.

CAMRON-STANFORD HOUSE — The Camron-Stanford House, a stately, 1876 Italianate-style home that was at one time the Oakland Public Museum, has been restored and furnished with appropriate period furnishings by the Camron-Stanford House Preservation Association. It is the last Victorian house on Lake Merritt's shore. Tours available on Wednesday and Sunday.

\$4 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 juniors age 12 to 18; free children under age 12. Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sunday, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. 14th Street and Lakeside Drive, Oakland. (510) 444-1876.

DUNSMUIR HOUSE AND GARDENS HISTORIC ESTATE — Nestled in the Oakland hills, the 40-acre Dunsmuir House and Gardens estate includes the 37-room Neoclassical Revival Dunsmuir Mansion, built by coal and lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir for his bride. Restored outbuildings set amid landscaped gardens surround the mansion. Tours of the mansion are closed until next summer except for special holiday events.

Dunsmuir House and Gardens Historic Estate, 2960 Peralta Oaks Court, Oakland. (925) 275-9490 or (510) 615-5555 or www.dunsmuir.org

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Children

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatrCare at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-3682.

The City of El Cerrito, offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3-1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Mooser Lane. For more information, call Judie, 215-4371.

LBGTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-6500 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offers three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations; and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 842-2275 or e-mail to: lshinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 842-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

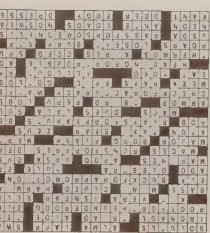
Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

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The Berkeley Society of Friends offers a "Peace Witness" series in February between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on most



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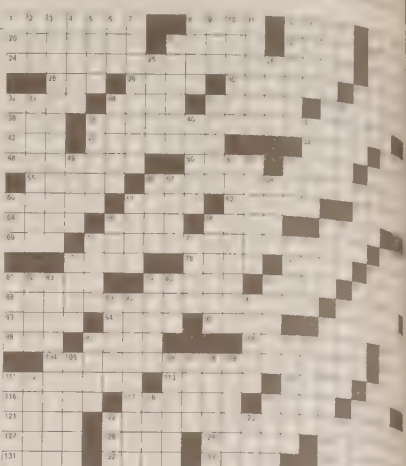
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Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5683.

Exhibits

The Women's Cancer Research Center (WCRC) features a retrospective show of the work of the late Jan Hart-Schuyters through March 13. The exhibit is part of "The Art for Living Black (TAOLB)," open studios for local African-American artists. Ms. Hart-Schuyters was the co-founder of TAOLB. WCRC gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and noon to 4 p.m. and by appointment, Saturdays. There is no charge for admission and the gallery is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 548-9286 ex. 307.

Berkeley Art Museum, 2625 Durant Ave., continues its exhibit of "Ansel Adams from the University of California Collection," through March 10. The exhibit consists of a selection of photographs and memorabilia drawn from the extensive holdings of the UC Bancroft Library. For more information, call 643-6494.

The Richmond Museum of History continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and homefront contributions during WWII. Special exhibits and events are held throughout

the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at the corner of 4th Street and Nevin Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

The City of El Cerrito presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Places Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Barnes & Noble Booksellers/Berkeley features the following events: Christine Mocker Baker, author of "From Now On With Passion," Sunday, Feb. 24 at 4 p.m.; Mary B. Morrison, author of "Who's Making Love," Wednesday, Feb. 27 7:30 p.m. Al Young and Reginald Lockett in an evening of African-American poetry, Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7:30 p.m. at 2352 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley, Free.

For more information call 644-0961

The Reading Edge is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

Berkeley Camera Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7:30 p.m., at the Northbrae community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

Free seminar on Natural Learning Rhythms, a holistic understanding of child development, takes place from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Benvenue. The program describes each stage of a child's life, natural pauses and transitions. Registration is required. Call 800-2001107 for more information.

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Julia Morgan Center for the Arts hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan

Theatre. The event is by Bridget Frederick at 302. Visit the Web site: lamorgan.org for more details.

Kensington Senior Activity Club meets from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Kensington Community Center, 2000 Kensington Ave. The school and community volunteer the Center's program learning Attend a...

Disabled American Veterans meet 25 meets on the third Tuesday of each month. The evening begins with host dinner and fellowship. 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m.

The Berkeley Avator Metaphysics Toastmasters Club meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For more information, call 869-2547 or 643-7645.

The YWCA offers free on-site Turning Point Career Center. These entions outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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the first and third Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. at the UC Berkeley Center for the Study of the Holocaust, 2315 Durant Ave. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

"Voices of Healing" is a group exploring the psychological and spiritual dimensions of illness and healing. The group meets on the second Friday of each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. in North Berkeley, Call 528-1235 for more information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment: 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships. Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month; 1 - 2:30 p.m.; 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS: 9:30 a.m., Mondays: Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at 980 Stannage St. at Marin; 233-2948 or Karen, 525-8858.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffei Auditorium on Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight way, Berkeley. Details: 204-4503.

Music
Noon concert series at Hertz Hall on the UC Berkeley campus will feature

the following concert on Wednesday, Feb. 27, Collegium Musicum, Kate van Orden and Anthony Martin, directors. Tasso in France: Music from the ballet "La delivrance de Renaud, and Jean-Baptiste Lully's "Armide." Performances are from 12:15 to 1 p.m. Free admission. Call 642-4864 for more information.

The ninth annual Lenten Organ Recital Series, continues at First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley at 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, Jack D. Miller performs Bach, Brahms, Franck, Vierne, and Gerald Near. Free. The church is located at 2407 Dana St., Berkeley. Call 848-6242 for more information.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., hosts Berkeley Opera's Season Opener "Mozart's Così Fan Tutte," at 8 p.m. Friday, Feb. 22, and plays through the weekend. The program repeats March 1, 2 and 3.

(Show times: Feb. 22, March 1, 2, at 8 p.m.; Feb. 23, 2 p.m.; Feb. 24, March 3, 7 p.m.). Tickets Adults: \$30; seniors: \$25. For tickets call CBO ticket line at 925-798-1300. For more information, call 841-1903.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesdays, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1677.

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Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointments and is free to YWCA

members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8732. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021

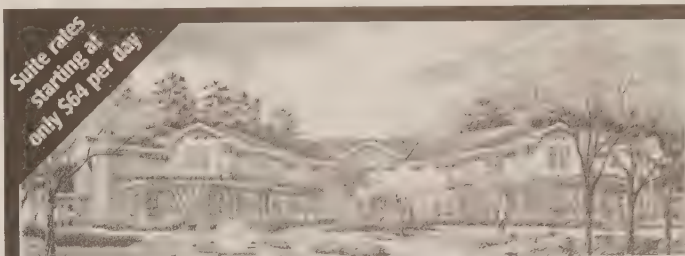
Support
Alta Bates Medical Center presents a free support group for family, friends caring for older adults from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month. The session takes place at the Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley, third floor, room 3369B (take elevator B). The group will focus on the needs of older adults with serious medical problems, psychiatric ill-

nesses, such as depression, dementia and/or substance abuse. For more information or if interested in a private consultation, call 802-1725

The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet 891-9560, for directions and more information

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The YWCA offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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Albany Adult School offers classes in Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish this quarter. Most classes meet in the evening once a week for 10 weeks. A few are offered in the afternoon also. Meet at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany, or across the street at the Albany Middle School. Average cost is \$48 plus books. Call the Adult School at 559-6580 for more information.

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Vista Community College, 2020 Milvia St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2900 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Earn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers gymnastics and dance programs, fitness and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 645-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High School Diploma Requirement classes, General Educational Development Preparation classes which can be utilized to earn a GED certificate, and Preparation for US Citizenship classes. The classes are free. BAS also offers, for an affordable fee, a variety of vocational classes and computer classes, ranging from introduction to Computers to Advanced Computer Applications. Call 644-6130 for additional information.

The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for non-members and \$20 for members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class

is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carleton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

A CopWatch class takes place every Monday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. The classes are free. Call 548-0425 for additional information.

Berkeley Community Media (BCM), Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to introduce BCM to the public are held on Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King Jr. Way. For more information call 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjani Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. The Ashkenaz is a nonprofit music and dance community center. Call 525-5054 for additional information.

Life Stories/College and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Teachers are Dana Bohn and Judith Carroll. Call 845-6830 for additional information.

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, M.F.C.C. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open to all women 55 or older. Call 644-6107 for additional information.

Dance and Fitness classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly-dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theatre dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and all at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. Information: 848-6370.

Let's Swing and Jitterbug; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate; four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes.

Volunteers

Berkeley Neighborhood Computers, a non-profit community organization, seeks volunteers to recycle, rebuild, and redistribute computer technology for families and schools. Volunteers are needed to be administrative coordinators, computer pick up and create efficient and effective systems for recording data and use of space, answer phone calls, log calls, route information and provide filing, organization, and other assistance. Call Mike at 845-1226 for more information.

Volunteers are needed to assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books and prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. Call 800-338-4238 for more information and location.

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to maintain its 24-hour crisis line. Make the difference between hope and despair for a person in need. No prior experience required, excellent training provided. Do something to help your community. Call 848-1515 for more information.

Tibetan Aid Project seeks volunteers to help preserve the ancient wisdom of Tibet. Assemble and wrap beautiful sacred Tibetan books. Prepare sacred texts for prayer wheels. Or help fund-raise to distribute these treasures to Tibetans in exile. For location and more information, call 800-338-4238.

Alta Bates Summit Medical Center, 2001 Dwight Way, seeks volunteers for its Tele-Care program. Volunteers provide friendly, caring check-up calls on a daily basis to seniors, convalescents, and others who are home-bound. Volunteers pick the days they would like to call and use phones at Alta Bates. For more information, call 548-4487, Monday through Friday, 8:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Pediatric Care provides on-going support groups for families coping with illness, grief or loss within the family. Groups meet weekday evenings in Oakland and Walnut Creek. Fees are on a sliding scale. Call Pediatric Care at 531-7551 for more information.

The Alcohol Research Group (ARG) is conducting a study, funded by a grant from the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA). The goal of the study is to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment; medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. The study is called the SMART Project. Interested parties may call 1-888-249-8802 for more information.

The Crisis Support Services of Alameda County needs volunteers to provide telephone crisis intervention. The agency needs motivated committed people to serve its 24-hour crisis line. No prior experience required. Excellent training provided. Call 848-1515 for more information. Volunteers are needed at the Alameda

County Community Food Bank to staff emergency food referral service, the Hunger Hotline. Shifts are available on Monday and Tuesday mornings, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Call volunteer coordinator Mary Schoen at 834-FOOD for more information and a current volunteer newsletter.

Contra Costa County Volunteers in Probation are continually seeking dependable volunteers, 21 years plus, who want to spend time with youth on probation. Training will be provided and screening of all applicants is required by the Probation Department. If you are interested, call Kat Thompson, Director of Volunteers in Probation 925-313-4187 or email kmthompson@hotmail.co.

The City of Albany Recreation and Community Services Department is seeking experience fitness instructors in many areas of exercise and training, including Tai chi tumbling, rompergym, acrobatics, youth dance, adult aerobics and yoga. If you have experience and have taught Contact Recreation supervisor, John Medlock at 524-9283 or come by the Albany Community Center at 1249 Marin Avenue for an instructor application.

UC Botanical Garden is looking for volunteers who are interested in plants and who would like to learn how to give tours of the Garden. Knowledge of plants is useful, but not required, and prior teaching experience is also helpful, but not essential. Principal qualifications are to like plants and to enjoy people. The training teaches about the Garden and how to lead tours. Call 643-1924 for more information and a application.

The Richmond Public Library seeks Internet Docents to teach Internet skills and to provide hands-on assistance to library patrons. Volunteers are needed for the main library Adult Department, the Children's Department, and the Bayview or West Side branch libraries. Volunteers agree to work with the public for at least one three-hour slot per week for a three month period. Solid Internet skills, including knowledge of Netscape Navigator, Internet Explorer and the ability to use two search engines will be required. Applications are available at the information desk at the main library or at the two branches. For more information, call 620-6561.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley needs volunteers. The center serves women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 548-6933.

Volunteers needed at Good Stuff Thrift Shop in El Cerrito. A fun, friendly place to work, all proceeds benefit developmentally disabled children and adults. Call 528-9455 for additional information.

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WATT AND BOB HAGIN
Generation Gap

Nissan Quest is extremely child friendly

BY JEFFREY M. HARRIS

Nissan got into the minivan market late when it showed up in '93 with a model from the beginning it never got off the ground.

It was in the bad old days before Renault bought into the company and put the late Carlos Ghosn in as head man. He already turned the company around and exceeded his three-year resurrection goal.

Too bad he didn't arrive in time to make the number on the Quest. It's a real little people-hauler and it got to '99 when the company gave it a redesign.

Now it's available in three degrees of middle-of-the-pack between its SE and the top-seeded GXE has all the bells and whistles.

A standard sound system isn't much to home about, but there are optional extras that are more appealing to music lovers.

Bottom-of-the-line GLE would be the model for a growing family that plans to use their van for a long time and for a low monthly payment is a plus.

If that growing family includes as-built like you guys were when you were the buyer better get the optional second-row bench seat. It has integrated seats and washable upholstery.

For those who fancy themselves more in nature can go for a Quest in SE or a tester.

The "hot-rod" version that has an acceleration and the SE in the shock absorber struts. Other aspects of the SE are a set of air conditioning on the steering wheel, air conditioning in back, a standard CD changer and second-row bucket seats.

The GXE model has all this plus leather seats, a power driver's seat and heated cup holder.

For an optional video entertainment system for back-seat passengers, but it's a expensive item just to keep the kids entertained yourselves with a hand arguing when you were little.

One of the strong points of the Quest is that the seating can be changed to at least 65 different configurations and those bucket seats in the second

row probably requires a separate owner's manual to figure them all out, but I guess if the owner wants to show off some automotive tricks.

Unfortunately, there's not much pizzazz in the Quest's V-6 engine. It only puts out 175 horsepower which is a little on the light side compared to its competition. It makes 200 horsepower of torque, which is good, but it's not a short on passing power.

It was surprising to find that the solid rear end was hung on leaf springs, which is a bit of old technology. The transmission is a five-speed automatic with an overdrive gear. Fuel mileage is slightly above average at 17 mpg around town and 23 mpg on the highway.

Press claims that the Quest has a load capacity of around 3,500 pounds, but that couldn't be done in the fast lane. At least, the engine has considerably less than the '98 version.

As the revamp of '99, Quest only had a power window which, as I recall, was a power window to allow it to stay up

there but you have to remember that the Quest wasn't built for Stoplight Grand Prix. They're built to transport people, not to win them being pretty young.

The multi-positional seats can be adjusted to hold lots of child seats and the fact that the Quest has a lot of convenience items is a definite plus for use as a family car.

The Quest was easy to drive and the up-hill seats provide a good view for the driver. The turning circle is fairly tight for the size of the vehicle, so parallel parking and slalom-sized spaces isn't an exercise in futility.

The Quest has all the bells-and-whistles to make for pleasant cruising and driving. It's a power sunroof, power windows, and I'm not sure that the latter are used very often.

Quests are handy even for guys my age. I've noticed that you keep a couple of seats in your own minivan, dad. I must be for use when Tom and I leave you with you and mom to baby-sit.

Old habits are hard to break.

ONE OF THE STRONG points of the new Nissan Quest minivan is that the seating can be changed around to at least 65 different configurations if it has bucket seats in the second row.

NISSAN QUEST SE

Suggested Retail	\$24,399
Price as Tested	\$26,605
Engine Type	SOHC 12-valve 3.3-liter V-6 w/SMFI*
Engine Size	200 cid/3275 cc
Horsepower	170 @ 4,800 rpm
Torque	200 @ 2,800 rpm
Wheelbase	112.2 inches
Width	74.9 inches
Length	194.8 inches
Transmission	Four-speed automatic
Curb Weight	3,983 pounds
Fuel Capacity	20 gallons
Tires	(F/R) P225/60R16
Brakes	(F/R) Disc (ABS)/disc (ABS)
Drive Train	Front-engine/front-wheel-drive
Vehicle Type	Seven-passenger/five-door
Mileage	City/highway 17/24
0-60 mph	10.5 seconds
Maximum Towing	3,500 pounds

*Sequential multi-port fuel injection

Annual 'Green Book' offers chapter and verse on clean machines of 2002

BY JOHN O'DELL
LOS ANGELES TIMES

The annual "Green Book" guide to environmentally friendly model year 2002 passenger vehicles was released earlier this month, and in a big change from years past, eight of the dozen top-scoring cars are powered by conventional gasoline-burning, internal-combustion engines.

Since the first guide was published five years ago, the top of the list had been populated almost exclusively by electric vehicles, gasoline-electric hybrids and cars using alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas.

But improvements in engine and emissions-management technology are making gasoline-fueled vehicles cleaner, and the "Green Book" recognizes that, said co-author John DeCicco, a senior fellow at Environmental Defense.

DeCicco and co-author James Kliesch, a transportation analyst with the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, bemoan the auto industry's continuing push for profitable pickup trucks and sport-utility vehicles — heavyweights that gulp fuel.

Overall, they said, these vehicles have kept the auto market "headed down the road of environmental harm" because of reduced fuel economy that increases dependence on foreign oil and contributes to greenhouse gases that cause global warming.

The book, published by the non-profit ACEEE, rates cars and trucks not only according to tailpipe pollution and global-warming emissions but by pollution from auto factories and refineries as well.

Thus it is that the only zero-emissions vehicle in the top 12 this year, Toyota's electric-powered RAV4 sport-utility, wound up in third place after the "Green Guide" authors factored in pollution from the production of electricity needed to charge the batteries.

The "greenest" car, Honda's Insight hybrid, uses a small gasoline engine and an electric motor but produces its electricity with an on-board generator that is cleaner than a stand-alone power plant, DeCicco said.

In second place was Honda's Civic GX, which uses

compressed natural gas to fuel an internal-combustion engine.

The nine others in the top 12 (all with four-cylinder gasoline engines), in descending order: Toyota Prius hybrid with automatic transmission; Honda Civic GX, 1.7-liter with manual; Toyota Echo sedan, 1.5-liter, manual; Nissan Sentra CA, 1.8-liter, automatic; Honda Civic, 1.7-liter, manual; Mitsubishi Mirage, 1.5-liter, manual; Toyota Corolla and its Chevrolet Prizm twin, 1.8-liter, manual; and Saturn SL, 1.9-liter manual.

In addition to singing the praises of the greenest vehicles while tracing the ups and downs of the auto industry's efforts to clean up its act, the "Green Book" aims to provide environmentally conscious shoppers a guide to the best choices in various categories of transportation.

Thus, while noting that trucks are, by their nature, dirtier than cars, the book provides truck shoppers with ratings for pickups, SUVs and minivans and finds that some do pretty well.

The V-6-powered Chevrolet Venture minivan and its Pontiac Montana and Oldsmobile Silhouette siblings, for example, outscore many large and mid-size cars. So do the four-cylinder version of Toyota's full-size Tundra pickup and the six-cylinder version of Ford's F-150 pickup.

"Consumers have planet-friendly options throughout the market, including trucks and SUVs," DeCicco said.

Along with the summary green scores, ACEEE's "Green Book" details each model's fuel economy, health-related pollution effects, global-warming emissions and estimated fuel expenses.

Copies are for sale at many major bookstores or can be ordered from ACEEE for \$8.95, plus \$5 for shipping and handling, at 202-429-8873.

The book also can be obtained online at www.greencars.com.

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Ford trucks are built tough and long lasting, and new Ranger XLT fits perfectly into that mold

Brendan: Ford trucks. Those two words are tied together as closely as America and baseball. These vehicles seem to last forever and have outsold the competition for years.

A friend had a mid-'80s Ranger that was always on its last legs, but it still ran even after he purposely tried to kill it. The paint was destroyed and the shocks made it ride like a trampoline, but he made it to band practice every time.

This week we write about the 2002 Ranger XLT 4x4, a big step up from my friend's old warhorse. XLT is mainly an appearance moniker, but with other options added, it comes out as an attractive package.

The entry-level powerplant is a 2.3-liter dual-overhead-cam inline four cylinder, but depending on body style, a buyer can get a 3.0-liter pushrod overhead valve V-6 with 154 ponies or our tester's burly 4.0-liter single-overhead cam V-6 engine that produces 207 horsepower.

Mikele: My dad said he would never drive a Ford for one reason, because he's a life-long member of the Bowtie Brigade, but he would like the Ranger if we stripped off the Blue Oval logos.

Each engine option can be had with a manual five-speed or a five-speed automatic.

Dad's getting older, so I imagine he would like the automatic, although he wouldn't admit it. I prefer the five-speed manuals myself. They provide more torque to burn a little rubber here and there.

The press kit says a limited slip rear differential can be had, but not with the 2.3-liter four-cylinder engine. Ranger's front suspension is an independent short-and-long-arm system, with front torsion bars that are matched to the intended job rating.

The rear suspension is a rigid axle with two-stage multi-leaf springs. Like most trucks made today, it has a power rack-and-pinion steering system and we found it gave car-like response and parking ability.

All that stuff makes it a good handling vehicle — better than you would expect from a truck.

Brendan: You've done your homework. Keep reading those press packs and you'll become a full-fledged auto expert like your dad and mine.

Inside, our Ranger has all the trimmings, like a leather-wrapped tilt steering wheel and Ford's optional Power Equipment Group which includes power mirrors, power windows with a one-touch-down feature on the driver's side window, power door locks and remote keyless entry.

A sliding rear window is standard on some models. It gives easy access to the bed, just in case you need to reassure your leashed pups or toss stuff in the back.

The standard stereo offered in the Rangers are OK but if it came with the AM/FM/CD/MP3 audio system that's offered as an option, you'll be the envy of all your

BRENDAN/MIKELE HAGIN Gender Gap

buddies who spend a fortune on their tunes. **Mikele:** I haven't had those kinds of buddies since high school, Brendan.

Unfortunately, I'm still playing cassettes and records at home and I'm sure I still have a few of those '70s eight-track tapes lying around somewhere if I could only find my player.

The exterior of the XLT series is really cool, with smooth lines and a few different cab designs, but I would have preferred the four-door SuperCab over our two-door because I like more cabin space.

The new five-spoke 16-inch aluminum wheels are slick, and the optional front sport bucket seats are going to be the seating of choice for this fancy machine.

Safety is always an issue with me, and the Ranger XLT has plenty of it. Its standard four-wheel anti-lock brake system

helps provide good stops and excellent steering control under bad driving conditions.

The Ranger is also equipped with second-generation airbags for the driver and right front passenger.

There's a manual switch to deactivate the system on the right side when the driver is using a rear-facing child-safety seat in that seating position.

That's some very good stuff, especially for a young family.

Brendan: The new Ranger would be an excellent band-gear hauler.

If only I had one back in the old days, when the band would get oversteered with my drums and amps, I could have dropped down the tailgate and strapped them down.

And with a matching camper shell, all that gear would have been safe and sound.

Mikele: Your drums are staying at home, Brendan. The only drumming I want you to do anymore is in our basement. Fortunately, your "Rock Star" days are over.



FORD'S RANGER XLT 4x4 comes with three engine options, a four-door cab and two V-6 versions.

FORD RANGER XLT 4X4

Suggested Retail	\$26,165
Price as Tested	\$28,101
Engine Type	ISOHC 12-valve 4.0-liter V-6 w/SMFI*
Engine Size	184 cid/2970
Horsepower	207 @ 5,250 rpm
Torque	238 @ 3,500 rpm
Transmission	Five-speed manual
Curb Weight	3,728 pounds
Fuel Capacity	19.5 gallons
Tires	(F/R) P245/75R16SL OWL all-season
Brakes	(F/R) Disc (ABS)/drum (ABS)
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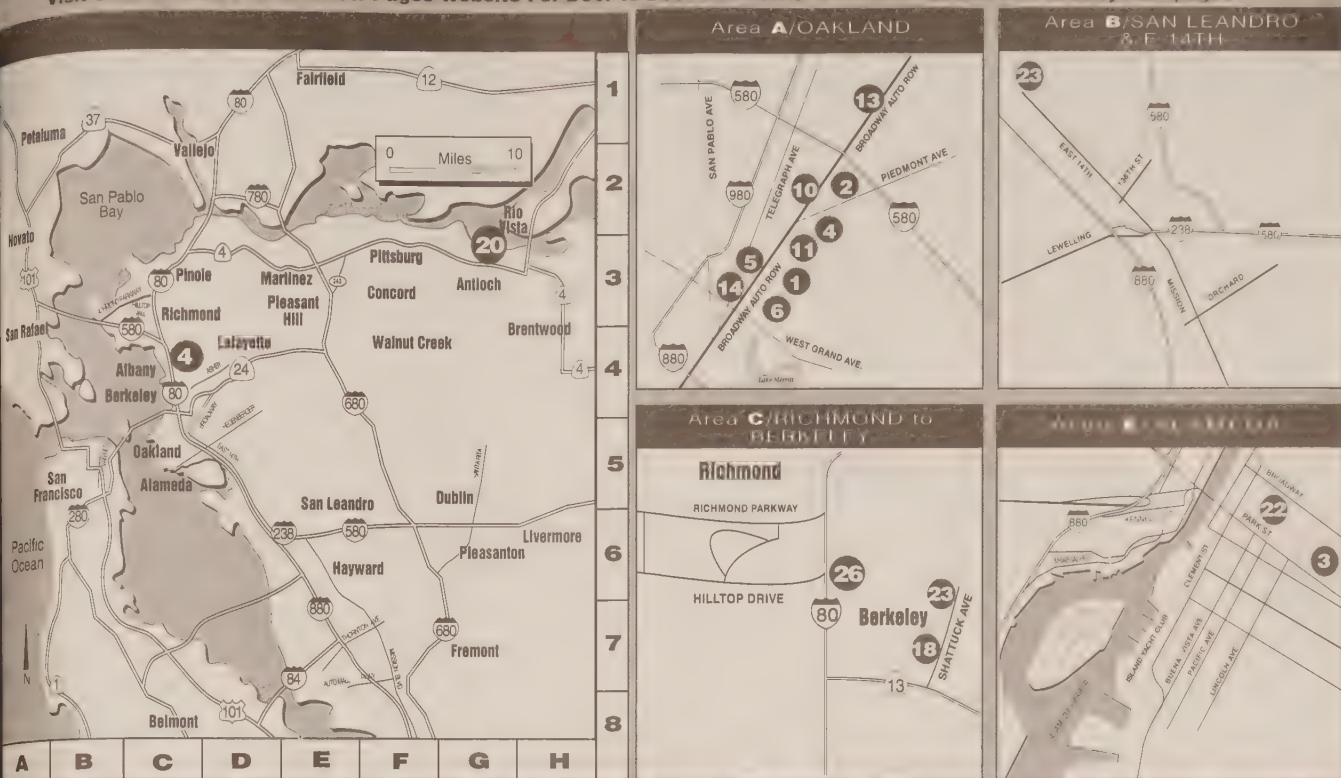
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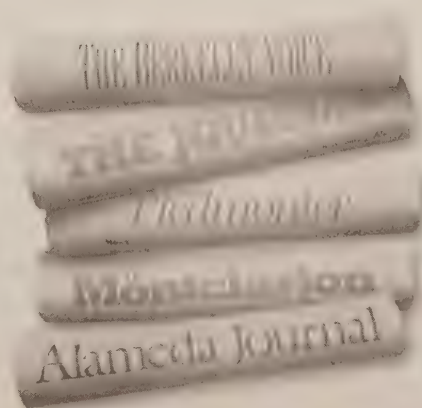
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In decades in which character mass-produced breads — from universally soft textures to regional flavors — reigned, breads at the store, artisan breads, cookbook authors, upscale bakeries and even some super-breads are resurrecting some great regional loaves.

Regional baking still thrives, according to Beth Hensperger, author of "The Bread Book," including breads of the Southwest.

"You can tell where somebody is by what kind of bread they eat," she said.

Early multigrain and cheese breads in the Midwest; yellow cornmeal and molasses "cakes" and dinner rolls on the East Coast; Sally Lunn bread and the white biscuits of the South; and corn breads from the West and the distinctive sourdoughs of California: all carry remnants of their early influences.

In the past, it depended on the people who settled in different places and the availability of ingredients," Hensperger said. "In the South and Southwest, corn, corn, corn. In the heartland, the Swedish, Russian and immigrants had these regional breads."

The wheat that was finally brought to Kansas made beautiful breads in the West is known for its soft, and in Texas, New Mexico and Arizona are the border states are very ethnic dominated."

The Colonists were quick to adopt American ingredients to European traditions, according to

Arthur Meyer, author of "Baking Across America."

"When you look at the way the United States was originally settled, it tells you about the bread based on the climate and the kind of people who settled here, from the English to the Germans to the Spanish down in Florida."

"As we had the western push and people started to merge, you started to see more of a blending," said Meyer. "As you head past the Rocky Mountains, you see elements of New England baking," as in Mormon johnnycake.

Further migration continued to dilute regional identities, but many bread traditions still remain.

Wherever your roots may be, said Judith Fertig, author of "Prairie Home Breads" (Harvard Common Press, \$18.95), breadmaking itself can be rewarding enough.

"You start with flour and water and end up with a great loaf of bread," Fertig said. "It's a real sense of accomplishment."

The Midwest

The sturdy grains that flourished in the Midwest were key to the textured yeast breads that came from pioneer ovens.

Wheat berries, rye, oats, honey, homemade yeast made from potatoes, the malty tang of beer and the richness of cheese can be found in many local bread traditions. Sourdough starter, a necessity when store-bought yeast was far from remote located farms, also played a part in Midwest loaves.

"If you go back to pioneer roots, a lot of the breads are sourdough-based," Fertig said. "(Novelist) Willa Cather writes a lot about farm wives 'saving some of the dough back' for a starter dough in the midweek."

It's good to know that regional traditions can still flourish, Fertig said. "What distinguishes the Midwest is that all we need to make

bread is right here. If you take wild Midwestern yeast and local spring water and Midwestern flour, you truly have a Midwestern bread. You end up with a taste of the place."

The East Coast

Corn was featured prominently up and down the East Coast, baked into cake-style rounds, prepared with everything from plain hot water and salt, to the rich enhancements of eggs and butter. Seventeenth Century colonists made ash or hoe cake, baked right in the fire on hearthstones or the back of a hoe.

Cooks also blended cornmeal with wheat and rye to make the traditional steamed Boston brown bread, a recipe that continues to be strongly identified with the Northeast. Maple syrup, another famous product of the region, often appears as one of the bread's ingredients.

The South

The climate of the South had a great influence on baking styles. First, the soft, winter wheat grown there was a low-gluten grain more suited for delicate biscuits and pastries than for sturdy loaves. But just as important were the many months of warm — sometimes unbearably hot — temperatures that made kitchens so uncomfortable. The quick-cooking biscuits and corn bread were much better suited to Southern bakers. Although indoor air-conditioning has made the kitchen cooler, the tradition remains.

"When our consumers say they are baking bread, a large majority of them mean biscuits and corn bread," acknowledges Belinda Ellis, consumer affairs manager for the White Lily Foods Co. in Knoxville, Tenn., makers of the South's prized White Lily flour.

"You don't want to have an oven on for too long, so those two things are the perfect breads for the South."



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The West

Agriculturally rich states had a variety of flours at hand to make a range of breads and pastries, but the mountain and Southwestern states' arid climate forced bread-makers to become more creative

with cornmeal and wheat.

Blue and red cornmeal sticks; corn bread with hot or sweet peppers; and fresh tortillas may be appearing in upscale restaurant breadbaskets, but they all have solid roots in the old Southwest.

From the beginning, the influ-

ence of the Native American population and Spanish and Mexican settlers led to well-textured, seasoned breads, Hensperger said.

"They think nothing of adding goat cheese and walnuts, ground

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In response to Via Brennan's request for Baked Beans like those served at Love's BBQ in the San Fernando Valley, a trio of readers shared recipes.

Jan Winning noted that when Love's in Woodland Hills closed, she was forced to improvise.

Her simple recipe not only is a close approximation to Love's beans but is also fat free, she wrote.

Bill Roeder noted that his recipe is similar and perhaps better than Love's.

Frances Gleim sent along yet another recipe rendition of Love's beans.

You have lots of choices. Take your pick and enjoy!

BAKED BEANS
ALMOST LIKE LOVE'S
2 (16-ounce) cans vegetarian beans (Heinz)
1/2 cup barbecue sauce (Bull's Eye Original preferred)

Place beans and barbecue sauce in a heavy saucepan.

Place over very low heat on top of stove and let cook slowly about 1 to 1 1/2 hours, stirring every 20 minutes or so to prevent sticking.

The long, slow cooking with the barbecue sauce results in a thick bean dish, similar to Love's.

If you must add meat (the dish would no longer be fat free), fry 2

to 3 bacon slices until crisp, drain and place crumbled pieces in pot at beginning.

Makes 4 servings.
Shared by Jan Winning of West Hills

BAKED BEANS
1 extra large (very important) can pork and beans (Van Kamp's preferred)
2 tablespoons molasses
1 teaspoon liquid smoke
1 cup packed brown sugar
1 small onion, minced
In a medium saucepan, combine all ingredients. Heat over medium heat, stirring occasionally until hot throughout.
Shared by Bill Roeder, Burbank

LIKE LOVE'S BEANS
1 1/2 pounds dried small white beans
Water
2 tablespoons molasses
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
Salt and pepper
1 onion, chopped
1/2 teaspoon dry mustard
1/4 pound salt pork, cut in pieces
1/4 cup ketchup
1/4 teaspoon liquid smoke OR hickory seasoning

Cover beans with water and soak overnight.
Drain and cover with fresh cold water. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and cook 1 hour.

Add molasses, brown sugar,

salt and pepper to taste, onion, mustard, salt pork, ketchup and liquid smoke.

Cover. Bake at 350 degrees 7 hours. Stir occasionally and add boiling water as necessary to keep beans covered.

Makes 8 to 10 servings.
Shared by Frances Gleim of Acton

More on the topic of beans

This time black beans.
Here's a recipe for Ruth Nebron, who was looking for a black bean recipe like the one served at Koo Koo Roo.

BLACK BEANS
1 pound uncooked black beans
Water
1/4 pound bacon, chopped
5 medium garlic cloves, minced
2 medium celery stalks, minced
1 large carrot, peeled and diced
1 medium onion, diced
1 bay leaf
1 jalapeno chili pepper, seeded and minced
1 tablespoon chili powder
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper (OR more or less to taste)
1/2 to 3/4 teaspoon freshly ground white pepper

Rising time: About 3 hours. Baking time: 30 minutes. Yield: 2 round loaves, about 10 slices each

In her book, "Breads of the Southwest," Beth Hensperger writes:

"Every collection of Native Southwest bread recipes includes one for a fresh cheese-based dough flavored with the wild white sage that grows prolifically in the area. In the absence of wild white sage, cultivated varieties can be substituted perfectly."

BOSTON BROWN BREAD
1/2 cup each: rye flour, yellow cornmeal, graham or whole-wheat flour

1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
6 tablespoons molasses
1 cup buttermilk
Mix the rye flour, cornmeal, graham flour, baking soda and salt in a large mixing bowl. Add molasses and buttermilk; mix well. Set aside.

Butter a 1-pound coffee can. Pour in batter. Cover tightly with a double piece of aluminum foil over the top and halfway down the sides of the can; secure with kitchen string.

Place can in a deep saucepan or stockpot. Add enough boiling water to come halfway up the sides of the can. Cover saucepan; steam until a tester inserted in the center of the loaf comes out clean, about 1 1/2 hours. Remove can; cool 15 minutes on a rack. Unmold bread; serve warm.

Preparation time: 20 minutes. Cooking time: 1 1/2 hours. Yield: 1 loaf, about 10 slices

This recipe, from "The Book of

8 cups chicken OR beef broth
Salt to taste

Soak beans in 4 1/2 cups water for 24 hours. Drain and discard liquid.

Transfer beans to a large saucepan and add a generous amount of cold water; heat to boiling and boil 20 minutes.

Drain off liquid. Rinse and drain.

Cook bacon in a large, heavy saucepan over medium heat until brown and crisp, stirring frequently, about 5 minutes.

Mix in garlic, celery, carrot, onion, bay leaf and jalapeno.

Cook until vegetables are tender, stirring occasionally, about 10 minutes.

Add chili powder, cumin, cayenne pepper and white pepper. Stir until aromatic, about 1 minute.

Add beans and broth and cook at a slow boil until beans are tender and most of liquid is absorbed, stirring occasionally, about 1 1/2 to 2 hours.

Season with salt and serve. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Can be served with mustard, chopped red onions, a dollop of cream and chopped chives.

Beans can also be served as a side dish with grilled pork loin and fresh tomatillo salsa.

Shared by Joni Schaper of Lancaster

At party or snack time, go around the guacamole

Making guacamole is easier than most people think. Just mash ripe Mexican avocados, add a few tasty ingredients, and you have a super snack or party food to scoop up with tortilla chips or cut-up vegetables.

But why stop there? The same zesty dip can add sunny Mexican flavor to other everyday foods.



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GUACAMOLE — more than just a dip.

Spread guacamole on a burger or sandwich. Top a bowl of chili or soup with a spoonful. Make a quick salad by spooning guacamole into a lettuce leaf "cup." Or, spritz grilled chicken or fish with lime juice and garnish with guacamole.

Mexican Hass avocados —

the black pepper have the usual needed for guacamole, you'll find it's ready for making.

CLASSIC MEXICAN GUACAMOLE

1 fully ripened avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1 plum tomato, finely chopped (about 1/2 cup)
1 tablespoon onion, finely chopped
1 teaspoon minced pepper
1/4 teaspoon salt
In a small bowl, mash avocado with a fork or potato masher until it's still slightly chunky. Add tomato, onion, pepper. If desired, add 1/2 cup finely chopped cilantro leaves or 1/2 teaspoon minced onion. Yield: about 3/4 cup

SPEEDY GUACAMOLE

1 fully ripened avocado, halved, pitted and peeled
1/4 cup prepared salsa
1 tablespoon minced onion
In a small bowl, mash avocado with a fork or potato masher until it's still slightly chunky. Stir in salsa and onion. If desired, add 2 tablespoons con bits or 1/4 cup coarsely chopped olives. Yield: about 1 cup

Cooking time: 30 minutes. Yield: 10 slices each

Here is a savory bread adapted from "The Bread Book." Make a consin Cheddar western toast.

This bread requires

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Bread

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acorns, pine nuts and other nutmeats. They will add spices like chilies and cinnamon."

California, and particularly San Francisco, became famous for sourdough when airborne wild yeasts there helped bakers create loaves of the tangy bread.

Once the state became an agriculture powerhouse — with its plentiful acres of vegetables, fruit and nut trees — these ingredients were incorporated into local breads such as olive rolls, walnut loaves and artichoke breads.

BUTTERMILK CORN BREAD

1 1/2 cups coarse cornmeal
1 teaspoon baking soda
3/4 teaspoon kosher salt
2 eggs
1 1/4 cups buttermilk
4 tablespoons unsalted butter, softened

Heat oven to 425 degrees. Place a 10-inch cast-iron or heavy, oven-proof skillet in the oven; heat 15 minutes.

Stir cornmeal, baking soda and salt together in a bowl until blended; set aside. Whisk eggs in a small bowl; stir in buttermilk. Pour into cornmeal mixture; stir until blended.

Remove skillet from the oven. Place butter in pan; swirl until melted. Pour in batter. Return skillet to oven. Bake until puffed and golden, 20-25 minutes. Invert onto platter or serve hot from skillet.

Preparation time: 15 minutes. Cooking time: 25 minutes. Yield: 8 servings

This dense round of corn bread, adapted from Zinfandel chef Susan Goss, stays true to the Southern ideal of no added white flour or sugar. Look for coarse cornmeal, available at specialty food shops and natural food stores, for the best results.

WHITE SAGE BREAD

1 1/4 cups warm (105-115 degrees) water
3 tablespoons sugar or honey
1 package (1/4 ounce) active dry yeast
5 to 5 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
1/4 cup vegetable oil
2 tablespoons chopped fresh sage leaves, or 1 tablespoon dried
2 teaspoons salt
2 large eggs
1 1/4 cups small-curd cottage cheese

Glaze:
1 egg white

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Whatever the reasons, the small-plate approach seems likely to stick around. "I think people are tending to cook much-smaller-size portions," says Greenwood. "Everyone is trying to eat less food but have more flavor. It's the way I like to eat."

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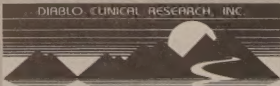
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BY JAN UEBELHERR
MILWAUKEE JOURNAL SENTINEL

And if you have the sinking feeling that you are making too many dishes, you are probably right. Cut the menu again.

Joana Smocke learned early on how to do it right. She was raised on a farm in Wild Rose where her European parents taught her their gracious, European ways of entertaining.

Unlike Garten, she doesn't hesitate to try a new recipe on guests

Garten likes shaking things up, starting with the night. She thinks

It's a streamlined version of the "Fancy Dinner for 12" menu included in "The New Elegant but Easy Cookbook" by Marian Burros and Lois Levine (Simon & Schuster, 1998, \$25). The Imperial Chicken is a sensible budget choice but packed with flavor — citrus, herbs, mustard and berries. It's an ideal dish because it can be started ahead of time and popped in the oven when the time

black pepper
Gorgonzola sauce
Preheat oven to 350°
(oven temperature is 350°)
recipe, so use oven thermometer
make sure oven is hot
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pat outside dry with paper towel
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Dinner tonight: Pork chops with fennel, apple and sauerkraut

BY CAROL MIGHTON HADDIX
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Pork with sauerkraut is one of winter's best pairings. The rich flavor of the pork contrasts so well with the tangy kraut that this combo has been a longtime favorite of Central European countries and here in the States.

The quick-cooking pork needs only 10 minutes or so and the sauerkraut requires only heating, making it the perfect weeknight meal.

Before starting the pork, put a kettle of water on the stove to boil for noodles and toss together a green salad to complete the meal. You'll be sitting down to the table in just 25 minutes.

Menu

Pork chops with fennel, apple and sauerkraut
Parsley noodles
Tossed greens with vinaigrette

Ginger cookies

Time-saving tips

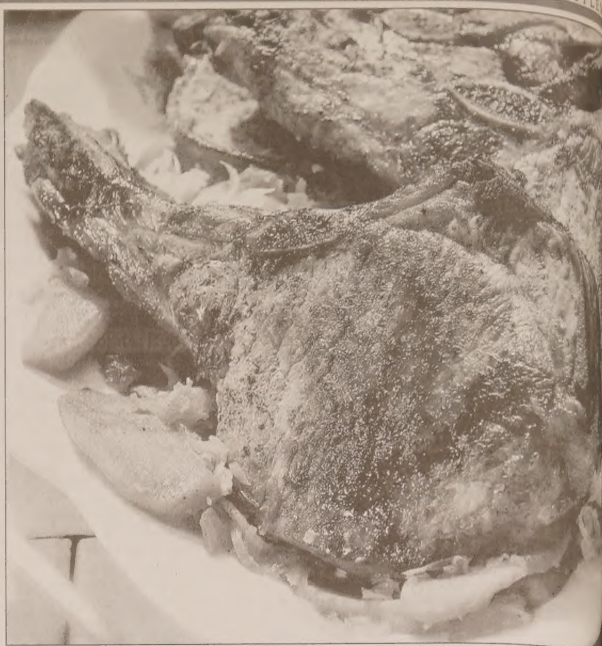
Thinner cuts of pork chops will cook faster; but take care not to overcook them.

Refrigerated sauerkraut has a better flavor than canned, but it comes in larger packages, so you will have some left over. It will keep in the refrigerator for about two weeks.

PORK CHOPS WITH FENNEL SEEDS, APPLE AND SAUERKRAUT

4 pork chops
1/4 teaspoon each: salt, freshly ground pepper
1 tablespoon butter
1 onion, chopped
1 large tart apple, such as Granny Smith
1 teaspoon fennel seeds
1/2 of a 32-ounce jar refrigerated sauerkraut or 1 can (14

ounces), drained, rinsed
1 cup white wine, such as riesling, or chicken broth
■ Season pork chops with salt and pepper.
■ Melt butter in large skillet over medium-high heat.
■ Brown one side of chops, 3 minutes; turn.
■ Brown other side, 3 minutes. Remove chops to a plate.
■ Add onion, apple and fennel seeds; cook, stirring often, until onions are lightly browned, 7 minutes.
■ Add wine to onions and apples in skillet; cook, stirring over browned portions. Stir in sauerkraut.
■ Place chops on top. Cover; reduce heat to low. Simmer until chops are cooked through, about 5 minutes.
■ Preparation time: 8 minutes. Cooking time: 10 minutes. Yield: 4 servings



PORK WITH SAUERKRAUT — one of winter's best pairings — is a longtime favorite of Central European countries and here in the States.

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